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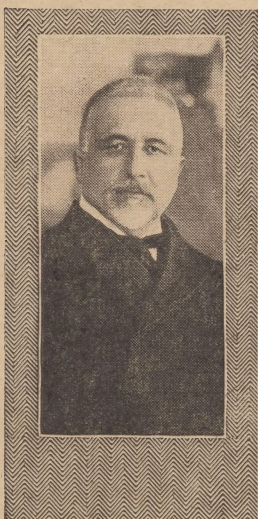
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## ROMANCE OF A BY-ELECTION.



Lord Graham, when asked at a meeting of the Eye (Suffolk) Conservative Association to contest the seat at the coming by-election, declined. But after his beautiful fiancée, Lady Mary Hamilton, made a personal appeal, he arose and said he would stand and make every effort to win the seat for the Unionists.—(Lafayette and Warneke.)

## ITALIAN AMBASSADOR.



Signor Tittoni, who is coming to London as Italian Ambassador, was educated at Oxford, and accompanied the King and Queen of Italy on their visit to King Edward.

## CONDEMNED BY THE QUEEN



At the annual meeting of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds the Duchess of Portland read a letter from the Queen, discouraging the use of osprey plumes on ladies' hats.

## MARCH OF COURRIERES STRIKERS.



Over 50,000 miners are now on strike in the French Black Country, aroused to indignation by what they term the callous negligence of the employers which led to the great disaster at Courrières. The photograph taken by the *Daily Mirror* staff photographer shows a band of strikers on their way from Lens to the mines, headed by the Mairesse carrying a red flag.

## TO-DAY'S WEDDING.

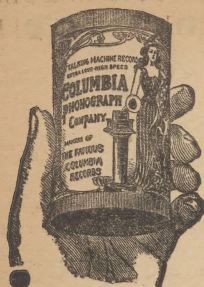


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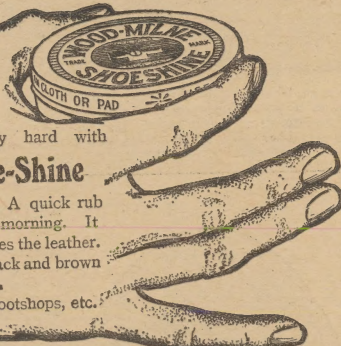
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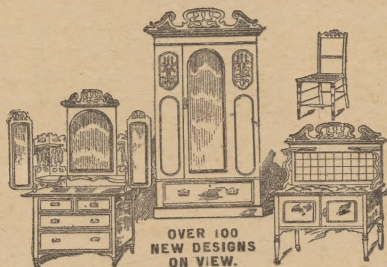
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# NO CENSURE ON LORD MILNER.

Mr. Byles Makes His Attack  
on the Pro-Consul.

## HOT DEBATE.

Mr. Chamberlain's Fierce Scorn for  
the Government.

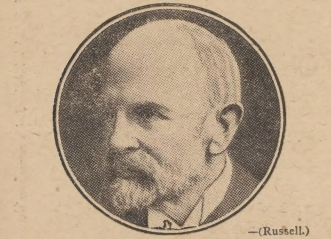
## MR. CHURCHILL'S RETORT.

Should Lord Milner be censured for authorising the illegal flogging of Chinese labourers in the Transvaal?

A crowded House of Commons last night heatedly discussed this intensely interesting question. The subject was raised by Mr. Byles, the Liberal member for North Salford, who moved the following resolution:—

That this House expresses its disapproval of the conduct of Lord Milner, as High Commissioner of South Africa and Governor of the Transvaal, in authorising the flogging of Chinese labourers in breach of the law, in violation of treaty obligations, and without the knowledge or sanction of His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Mr. Byles is one of the newspaper men in the House of Commons. His father founded the



MR. BYLES.

"Bradford Observer," to the proprietorship of which Mr. Byles in due course succeeded. A keen-faced little Yorkshireman, with iron-grey whiskers and bald head, Mr. Byles treated the House to a vigorously-worded speech.

"It is not of Lord Milner that I am thinking," said Mr. Byles, fixing his gold-rimmed pince-nez, "but of the honour of my country. It is that that I am jealous of, and the good faith and self-respect of this House."

The Chinese, he said, were brought to South Africa because they were degraded creatures, and their treatment was justified on the cynical and economic doctrine that the end justified the means. "Never," said Mr. Byles, "will South Africa be happy again until all the gold has been worked up and the vultures have settled on the si e!"

Mr. Byles quoted Lord Milner's admissions on the flogging of coolies.

"These poor creatures," exclaimed the speaker in crescendo voice, "are our adopted children! They rely on British honour, and are at least entitled to the protection of the law."

### LULLED INTO FALSE SECURITY.

If this resolution were rejected every pro-Consul would be encouraged to play off his own bat, to disregard the law, to make himself a little autocrat, and to obey, not the law of the land, but his own sweet will.

Amid Radical cheers, Mr. Mackarness, the Liberal member for Newbury, son of a former Bishop of Oxford, and himself a professor of Roman-Dutch law, rose to second.

He commented on the fact that assurance was given that no flogging was taking place when the statement was not true, and when Parliament was being lulled into false security. It was not till December that the stories of illegal flogging turned out to be true. Mr. Lyttelton then admitted it as a fact that had just come to light, though the floggings had gone on to an enormous extent.

He confessed, he said, he was unable to understand the Government amendment. The tail of it, though couched in a proper Christian spirit, seemed to want the stinging which every tail ought to have. [Laughter.]

Amid high excitement Mr. Chamberlain pounced to the table at the close of Mr. Mackarness's speech.

"There could hardly be a more distasteful task to a generous man," dramatically declared Mr. Chamberlain, "than that which had been voluntarily undertaken by the two hon. gentlemen who had respectively moved and seconded the resolution."

"There is nothing more despicable" (with great emphasis) "than to persecute a great servant of

the State for simply one error of judgment in the course of a long public life unless it has the sanction of honest conviction.

"Let us have no cant!" said Mr. Chamberlain, amid a storm of cheers and counter-cheers. "The object of this motion is to inflict humiliation on a person who is as honest and sincere as any of you, but of whose policy you happen to disapprove."

The motion was confined to a single act in a long course of public service, and for that single error of judgment the House was asked to inflict this humiliation on a distinguished member of our great Civil Service. It could have no practical effect. It was done for an act which Lord Milner had frankly acknowledged, and expressed regret for. Where was the generosity and magnanimity of such action?

### A COWARDLY AMENDMENT.

The resolution would recoil on those who proposed and supported it. Proceeding to give his own version of the facts, Mr. Chamberlain said a protector of the Chinese was appointed (Mr. Evans), who was an able servant, and knew the Chinese language; and he told Lord Milner casually that he had given permission for the infliction of corporal punishment for certain trivial offences. He added that Lord Milner took no objection. Now Lord Milner said he had no recollection of this conversation, but as he did not doubt it he admitted he was wrong in not taking notice of that statement.

It was the duty of the head of a department to defend the servants of his department against unjust censure. He asked: Was it just to censure a public servant who had given eight of the best years of his life to the service of his country because he had confessed to an error of judgment on a single occasion? How could they expect to get infallible administration when they were putting a slight upon the whole service in the person of Lord



LORD MILNER.

Milner? A greater man he had never known, and he had never known a great man who did not make mistakes. He praised the ability, courage, and firmness of Lord Milner, whose policy was the policy of the late Government. It was the policy of the late Government that should be the subject of censure if they deserved it.

Mr. Chamberlain went on to speak of the Government amendment as a cowardly one that on its merits should be rejected by every honourable man. The policy of the Government was once again a policy of contemptible weakness.

He advised his friends to vote against the Government amendment as dishonest, and also to vote against the original resolution, which was at least honest, but which, if carried, would be a disgrace.

Mr. Churchill described Mr. Chamberlain's speech as a "protracted, superlative, and rather laboured exhibition."

Mr. Churchill then moved on the part of the Government the following amendment:—

That this House, while recording its condemnation of the flogging of Chinese coolies in breach of the law, desires, in the interests of peace and conciliation in South Africa, to refrain from personal censure upon individuals.

Mr. Churchill said he had put his amendment on the notice paper at the request of the Prime Minister, and that the flogging taking place was admitted, and this was a breach of treaty obligation. From this "unfortunate and wicked" permission there had arisen a series of facts that made it impossible to wonder why people were carried away with honest indignation to use the strongest language in condemnation of the system.

### ELEMENT OF DOUBT.

He did not disagree with the terms of the motion of censure, but disputed the wisdom and convenience of the procedure. There was an element of doubt as to Lord Milner's real moral responsibility for the circumstances of the case which tended to mitigate and suspend the severity of their judgment. Such had only been employed twice in the last 100 years.

Lord Milner had exercised great authority, but now exercised no authority. He was poor—honourably poor—he was without pension or gratuity of any kind, and his policy was discredited by the country. He had ceased to be a factor in public events.

It was never worth while for a great party to pursue a private person who happened to be a political opponent. If they were strong, so they could afford to be generous.

This Parliament put forward claims to influence

politics that had never been claimed by Parliament before. To-night let them send a message of comfort to South Africa—a message of tolerance and consolation—a message of good hope to the Cape. For this reason he moved the amendment.

Mr. Balfour criticised Mr. Churchill's speech as an extraordinary and inconsistent utterance. In the amendment there was not one word about justice to the individual attacked. Lord Milner was one of the greatest props, one of the greatest supports, which the British cause ever had in South Africa. He saw little difference between the resolution and the amendment. He should prefer the speeches of the mover and seconder to the insulting protection afforded by his Majesty's Government.

The House was attempting to record a historical judgment, and in the interest of the House, not of Lord Milner, he asked them to reject both the motion and the amendment. Why should the House record one indefensible blunder, and one alone, as the only incident in a great career, in the journals of the House? The amendment was far more contemptible than the motion.

Mr. Rufus Isaacs rose to speak amid cries of "Divide! Divide!" He supported the amendment.

Mr. Byles moved the closure, but Mr. Isaacs continued amid uproar.

Mr. Chamberlain then moved the closure, and it was agreed to amid laughter and cheers.

The resolution was rejected without a division, and the House then divided on the Government amendment. For the amendment, 355; against, 135.

The House adjourned at 12.25.

## THE KING IN FRANCE.

Rumoured Visit to Constantinople To Follow His Stay at Biarritz.

BIARRITZ, Wednesday.—King Edward took a walk in the streets to-day, and purchased a large number of postcards representing incidents in the visit of King Alfonso and Princess Ena of Battenberg.

His Majesty finds much amusement in baffling the detectives and reporters. Yesterday he had it given out that he was going to Bay of San Sebastian, but went to the Spanish village of Fuenterrabia with a party consisting of the Duchess of Manchester, Lord and Lady Dudley, the Duke of Devonshire, the Duchess of Roxburghe, and General Sir Stanley Clarke.

Later the King went for a drive in his motor-car, and in the evening dined with Lord Poltimore. To-morrow His Majesty will attend a pelota match at the Basque village of Sare.—Reuter.

PARIS, Wednesday.—It is rumoured in Constantinople, says the "New York Herald," that King Edward will shortly pay a visit to the Sultan, and that preparations are being made for his Majesty's reception.

## "GOOD IMPRESSION" AT ALGECIRAS.

Germany Believed To Have Accepted Franco-Spanish Control in Eight Ports.

ALGECIRAS, Wednesday.—In its consideration of the police question to-day, the drafting committee dealt particularly with the duties of officers, the powers of the inspector, and the pay of the officers and the inspector.

Although no official communication has been made on the subject, the Casablanca idea is regarded as abandoned, and it is believed that the principle of Franco-Spanish police control in the eight ports has been accepted even by Germany. The committee's sitting left a good impression, and a desire for an understanding seemed to be the prevailing note.—Reuter.

## GIGANTIC FRENCH COAL STRIKE.

80,000 Men Said To Be Affected, and German Coal Already Beginning To Arrive.

LENS, Wednesday.—A few members of the Revolutionary Society left here this morning for Bethune to demand the release of their colleague, M. Brouthou, whose arrest has disorganised their plans.—Reuter.

An Exchange message says that a general strike has been proclaimed, affecting 80,000 men.

LENS, Wednesday.—The commission of engineers this morning at Billy Montigny made the following report:—

"At four o'clock this morning the work of attacking the fire was begun. By six o'clock the flames had been subdued for a distance of 100 yards."

Two bodies have just been brought up.—Reuter.

Many well-known artists have consented to appear at the special matinee at the Alhambra on Thursday, 29th inst., in aid of the victims of the disaster.

## PRINCE PLEASES EVERYONE.

CALCUTTA, Wednesday.—The entire Indian Press is agreed upon the success of the Prince of Wales's Indian tour, and expresses approval at the honours conferred by his Royal Highness.

The "Englishman" advocates the commemoration of the royal visit by the creation of Privy Councillors of Indian birth.—Reuter.

# INDIAN COOLIES FOR THE TRANSVAAL.

Government's New Plan To Solve Chinese Labour Question.

## LORD MINTO'S VIEWS.

Good Prospects of a Plentiful Supply of Unskilled Labour.

The Daily Mirror is in a position to state that the Government has found a solution for the Chinese labour problem. The ultimate decision now rests with Lord Minto, the Viceroy of India, who, with his Council, has shown a most friendly and helpful disposition in the negotiations which have lately been carried on.

It will be remembered that before he gave his reluctant approval to Chinese labour, Lord Milner negotiated with Lord Curzon for the employment of indentured Indian coolies in the mines. Lord Curzon insisted on terms which could not be accepted by the Transvaal Government, its people, or the mining magnates.

He demanded that at the expiration of their indenture coolies should be treated in all respects as white men; that they should be entitled to the franchise; should be allowed to hold land; and should not be compelled to live in "locations."

The stipulation about the franchise would have violated the Treaty of Vereeniging; the other stipulations were contrary to the common law of the Transvaal as it was then interpreted.

### PROSPECTS OF SETTLEMENT.

Chiefly at the instigation of some of the leading London bankers, who pointed out that, if nothing were substituted for Chinese labour, the consequences would not only be disastrous to the Transvaal, but very serious for English commerce, the Government recently decided to move more to discuss the question of coolie labour with the Viceroy of India.

Lord Minto was asked if he and his advisers would be willing to supply indentured coolies, who should live in compounds during the term of their service (of course, with liberty to go into Johannesburg or elsewhere in their leisure hours), and who, after the completion of their service, should be allowed, if they chose, to remain in the country under the conditions now applicable to Indian traders. That is to say, they would not be allowed to vote, nor to hold land, and would have to reside in places appointed by the municipalities.

The reply of the Indian Government was so favourable that negotiations on the basis stated above have been going on for nearly a fortnight, with every prospect of a successful issue.

### WHAT THE MAGNATES THINK.

The leaders of the Transvaal mining industry would be the first to rejoice at the success of this scheme. Not one of them has ever approved of Chinese labour except on the basis stated above, making the best of a bad job, and they are quite willing to face the slight extra expense entailed by the employment of Indian coolies in exchange for the constant and sufficient supply of unskilled labour thus guaranteed. Inquiries made in the City yesterday showed that neither the mining magnates nor the leading stock-exchange dealers had received any official information on the subject. But the Government has their hearty good wishes. It stands to reason that the Indian coolies, if employed, will not be subject to the "taint of slavery."

It is also stated on competent authority that the Government is not so averse to the appointment of a judicial commission to inquire into the working of Chinese labour as Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's recent answer to Mr. Chamberlain might lead one to imagine. Most of the Labour members and several of the younger Liberal members are in favour of such a commission.

## MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

Since his visit to India, says a Bombay message, the prestige of the Tashi Lama has enormously increased in his own country.

The liner Deutschland, which arrived at Plymouth yesterday from New York, maintained wireless communication with the Lizard for 2,000 miles.

Lord Fairfax, the twelfth baron, landed at Plymouth last night. For six generations the family has been resident in Virginia, and Lord Fairfax is an American subject.

"Stand Alone," the famous natural tower on the beach between Cockburnspath and Dunbar, a prominent guide to the many vessels coming out of the North Sea, fell with a terrific crash yesterday, bringing with it about a thousand tons of red rock.

## TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is:—Keen and squally easterly winds; sun or had showers, with sunny intervals; frost morning and night.

Lighting-up time, 7.13 p.m.  
Sea passages will be rough in the south and east; moderate in the west.



## "SUN-WORSHIP" AND SANITY.

Inquiry Into the Alleged Delusions of a Scientist.

### REMARKABLE EVIDENCE.

Extraordinary facts came out in the course of an inquiry into the state of mind of Mr. Percy Carlyle Gilchrist, a Fellow of the Royal Society, which took place yesterday and on Tuesday, at Shrewsbury, before Master Fischer, sitting with a jury.

It is alleged that Mr. Gilchrist, who amassed a large fortune through an invention in the manufacture of steel, lived, up to 1899, on the happiest terms with his wife and son, and daughter, at Hampstead, but that a deplorable change then took place in his disposition. He became both morose and extravagant, and subject to delusions. He was extremely suspicious, and while at Pau, in the Pyrenees, he always gave a pet cat food to eat before he himself tasted it. The object was to see whether the food was poisoned. He seemed to be a sun-worshipper, and was seen looking through a piece of smoked glass at the orb, apparently addressing prayers to it.

#### Letter to Bank of England.

He was said to have expressed strange views on the Creation. He said fishes were formed first, then fowls, and pigs came very early. He wore a corn sack next to his skin, and over it some four or five shirts.

At yesterday's hearing Dr. James Andrews, medical expert of London, said he was quite satisfied that Mr. Gilchrist was insane. He had seen correspondence in which, in the same letter to his wife, he called her his "enemy" and his "darling wife." He also alluded to witness as his trusted medical adviser, and then in less complimentary terms.

There was no truth in a letter which Mr. Gilchrist sent to the chief cashier of the Bank of England, stating he was being kept under lock and key at Brooke House, where, with the connivance of the witness, he was awakened every night for many weeks every two hours.

Other letters were spoken to by Dr. Andrews, and the Master interposed and said he thought the jury had heard quite enough of letters and telegrams. He himself had received quite a bundle.

#### Cloquous Evidence of Lunacy.

Cross-examined, Dr. Andrews said he was aware Mr. Gilchrist was a member of the Royal Society, a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour of France, and had had other honours conferred upon him. It was true that respondent's son had taken out a summons to deprive Mr. Gilchrist of control of his income and to set aside £2,000 a year for his wife and son.

Dr. Savage, another mental expert, gave similar evidence as to respondent's mental condition.

Cross-examined, he said he was not satisfied with the Lunacy Laws.

Mr. Powell (for Mr. Gilchrist): But it was brought up yesterday as evidence of this man's insanity that he wanted the Lunacy Laws amended.

Professor W. Gowland, of the Royal School of Mines, South Kensington, said he was satisfied Mr. Gilchrist was insane.

Mr. Powell addressed the jury at some length on behalf of respondent, and argued that, although he was eccentric, respondent was not mad, and Dr. A. Lewis (Oswestry) said that, although eccentric, Mr. Gilchrist was quite capable of looking after himself. He would not say, however, that he was capable of managing his affairs. The inquiry was adjourned until to-day.

### WARSHIPS HOIST THE BLACK FLAG.

Sevastopol Seamen Demonstrate Their Sympathy with the Mutineer Lieutenant Schmidt.

ODESSA, Wednesday.—As a protest against the execution of Lieutenant Schmidt, the leader of the Black Sea mutiny, all the local high schools here struck work to-day.

At Sevastopol 2,000 sailors hoisted black flags on the ships in token of mourning for the executed officer. Admiral Chuknin, commander of the Black Sea Fleet, thereupon gave orders to prepare for the bombardment of the vessels, but shortly afterwards withdrew the order owing to receipt of instructions from St. Petersburg prohibiting such action.

Lieutenant Schmidt was shot because no executioner could be found to hang him. The dispatch announcing the execution handed in by Reuter's correspondent on Monday was not forwarded by the local telegraph office here.—Reuter.

#### BOY SMOKERS NOT GOOD SHOTS.

Lord Roberts has written a letter, read at a meeting of the Boys' Anti-Cigarette League, at Birmingham, yesterday, urging boys not to smoke, not until they are eighteen, at all events, as the habit of smoking, by affecting the nerves, prevents them from becoming good shots.

## BISHOP TASTES DEATH.

Dr. Winnington Ingram's Remarkable Sermon Upon His Recent Operation.

"I have had an experience of what death would be," said the Bishop of London, who has just recovered from an operation, preaching yesterday at St. Pancras Church.

"At an operation," he said, "when you receive whatever it is that makes you for the time being insensible, you seem to be carried for the moment out of the body; you are, in fact, out of the body—the body is for the time dead. Your spirit, your mind, is perfectly active.

"I dare say it is the experience of many others that you seem to be swept swiftly under the stars towards your God. When you are out of the body, or seem to be, if only for a few moments, you realise what death will be.

"I can say this—and I am perfectly certain it is true—that when that moment comes there is only one thing that will matter, there is only one thing that will spoil the sense of being under the power of a loving God, and that is unrepented and unforgiven sin."

The Bishop also answered several questions that had been sent to him. One who signed himself "A Girl in the North" asked: "Am I wrong in wanting to die?"

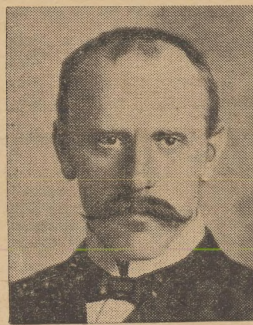
The Bishop said it was morbid in the young to want to die. We were meant to be enjoying here a foretaste of the joys to come, and his questioner did not seem to have taken quite the right view of life.

Another, who signed himself "Anti-Gnostic," inquired why God kept the devil in existence. The Bishop said God would not crush free will. Satan was probably a fallen spirit who once was good, and who, having free will, used that free will wrongly. God would not crush the free will of Satan any more than he would crush the free will of man.

### HONOUR FOR DR. NANSEN.

Famous Explorer To Represent His Country as Ambassador in London.

Dr. Fridtjof Nansen was yesterday appointed Norwegian Minister at the Court of St. James's. No appointment more popular in this country could be made. The great Arctic explorer, who



DR. NANSEN.

took a prominent part in the negotiations which led to the establishing of Norway as an independent kingdom separate from Sweden, has been a well-known figure in London.

Dr. Nansen, who is tall and handsome, and in physique a worthy descendant of the old Vikings, is in his forty-fifth year. Mrs. Nansen, a woman of charming personality, made her mark before marriage as one of the first of Norwegian song-writers.

### DISCREET RETIREMENT.

Co-respondent Explains Why He Left a Friend's House by the Window.

Mr. Howard Charlesworth, of Putney, who is accused of misconduct with the wife of Mr. Robert Root, a bookmaker, of Earl's Court, gave his version of the case at the resumed hearing of the husband's petition in the Divorce Court yesterday.

Why, counsel asked, had he written a letter to Mrs. Root addressed "My darling, Florrie"? "Because," came the reply, "I wished to give Mr. Root a chance to have something to read."

Asked why he escaped from Mr. Root's house by the window, the co-respondent said he saw a crowd outside, and thought discretion was the better part of valour.

Dr. Ignaz Kraus, the well-known Carlsbad physician, whose practice was mostly English and American, has died after a long illness.

## TYRANNY OF FINES.

Decision of the Lords May Not End the Evil.

### SIR C. DILKE'S VIEWS.

Sir Charles Dilke expressed to the *Daily Mirror* last night his views on the decision of the House of Lords that it is illegal, under the Truck Act of 1831, for employers to deduct money, in the shape of fines, from their workers' wages for damages or breakages.

"The immediate effect appears to me," he said, "to be that it takes the law back to where, as any ordinary person would have thought, it stood by the Act of 1831—where, indeed, it stood until 1845, when a case knocked a hole through it.

"Then a decision of Lord Bramwell in 1859 appeared to upset the Act altogether. The Home Office will now have to take test cases under the Act of 1831, and I think that some of them will succeed.

"This is a very important decision, but in my opinion it is the only—the natural—interpretation that could be placed upon the Act."

Fears are entertained, however, in many quarters that the evil will continue.

#### A Woman's Opinion.

"I am quite certain that it will not stop the deductions from workers' wages contracted for under the Truck Act of 1896," said Miss Mary Macarthur, secretary of the Women's Trade Union League, which safeguards the interests of nearly 80,000 women workers.

"This judgment was under the Act of 1831, and in no way affects our claim," she told the *Daily Mirror*, "that all fines and deductions, together with payments from workers to employers, should be illegal. We shall still strive for a drastic amendment of the Truck Acts to attain this object.

"Fines and deductions are legalised by the Act of 1896 under certain conditions. The notice—as to be fixed where every workman or workwoman can see it, and it has to specify the acts or omissions in respect of which the fine may be imposed. Furthermore the amount of the fine has to be fair and reasonable.

#### Fined for Being Hurt.

"Shop assistants were also included under this Act, but we are doubtful whether waitresses come under it at all. I have never heard of a test case to prove it, although waitresses are very considerable sufferers from deduction for breakages. They are by no means the only sufferers, however. Here are a few examples:—

In a biscuit factory a girl was fined 3d. for continuing to pack one kind of biscuit after an order (which she had not heard) had been given for another kind to be packed.

Pieceworkers fined 2s. 6d. if they are absent for a day.

A girl fined 6d. for the mending of her loom.

Women at a jam factory often received scalds from the hot jam. If they had to go to the hospital to have their injuries attended to, 4d. was deducted from their wages (maximum wage 9s. a week).

A girl fined 6d. for dropping a bobbin on the floor.

Some boys broke a window costing about 3d. About a dozen of them were fined 1d. each.

Girls earning 7s. to 10s. a week were frequently fined as much as 1s. for mishaps to the machinery which they could not prevent.

### "THE CANDIDATE."

Sir Charles Wyndham in a Part He Created Twenty-One Years Ago.

Memories of old days at the Criterion were revived at Wyndham's Theatre last night. Sir Charles was once more the dashing young dog devoted to the pleasures of the town who pretends to be standing as a candidate at the general election, while he is really passing a gay fortnight in London.

His place is taken by his private secretary, very cleverly played by Mr. Dennis Eadie. All might be well if the secretary held Unionist and tariff reform opinions (the piece has been brought right down to date); but he is really a Socialist, and carried away by enthusiasm, he wins the election for Labour!

An amusing situation, out of which plenty of old-fashioned fun is extracted. Miss Mary Moore is sadly missed from the cast, which, however, includes Mr. Rutland Barrington, as a fat clergyman, and Miss June van Buskirk.

### MOMENT'S CARELESSNESS FATAL.

A sad tragedy took place at the Notting Hill Gate Station on the "Tuppenny Tube" yesterday.

Ernest Bone, who was working in the sub-station, accidentally touched the wrong switch. He immediately fell, and a comrade ran to his assistance. He murmured that he would recover in a few moments, but when raised up collapsed, and, despite all efforts, died in a few minutes.

## OUR JAPANESE GUESTS.

London Prepares To Greet the Men Who Fought with Togo.

Crowds will flock to the Royal Albert Docks tomorrow to witness the arrival of the Iyo Maru with some 600 Japanese officers and sailors, most of whom took part in the great battle of the Sea of Japan, in which Admiral Rojestvensky was utterly defeated.

The Iyo Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Line, is expected to steam up the Thames on the midday tide. In the neighbourhood of the docks enthusiastic inhabitants are already displaying Japanese flags and wearing Japanese buttons.

The visitors are coming for the purpose of manning and taking out to Japan the new battleships, the Katori and Kashima, built at Barrow and Elswick.

They will be guided in parties round all the "sights" of London, but it is not expected that their officers will grant the men free leave on shore. They will sleep on board the liner.

The officers are to be banqueted at the Mansion House on Monday by the Lord Mayor.

Many of the men are engine-room artificers and stokers, and so only a small proportion saw much of the actual fighting in that great victory in the Sea of Japan, but they all shared the dangers.

### LONDON'S NEW CIRCLE RAILWAY.

To Link Up East and West at a Cost of £5,000,000—Route Thirty-Five Miles Long.

The return bill just issued by the Board of Trade show that 149 Bills, representing £57,949,511, have been lodged in Parliament dealing with various schemes of traction and transmission.

Chief of these is the London Outer Circle Railway Bill, a huge scheme which, starting at Felt-ham, in Middlesex, will run thirty-five miles to a terminus at the Royal Albert Docks, and there join up with the London and India Docks Company's system.

It is estimated that a sum of £5,000,000 would represent the total cost of the scheme.

The first directors named in the Bill are Earl Fortescue, Mr. R. H. Cox, Lord Montagu of Beauchamp, Mr. H. K. Rutherford, and the Hon. A. C. Ponsonby.

### SPEEDY START ON STRAND PALACE.

Promoter of Paris-in-London Scheme Says That the Work Will Be "Rushed."

Mr. William Gilbey Scott, the architect who has successfully promoted the Paris-in-London scheme in the Strand, was all smiles yesterday.

"Now that the L.C.C. has agreed to give us the Aldwych site," said he to the *Daily Mirror*, "work will be rushed. Very soon in Paris and London the public will have the chance to subscribe to stock which will represent a capital of not less than £1,000,000.

"We expect, at the latest, to break ground for the great building in three months, and hope in two and a half years to have it completed at a cost of £500,000. The seeming delay in breaking ground is due to the fact that our plans in detail must conform with the L.C.C. ideas.

### LIFEBOATS SAVED 559 LAST YEAR.

Appeal to Private Benevolence in Aid of the National Institution.

"Any Government in power looks upon the noble work of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution with favour, but it is to private benevolence that it looks for its sinews of war," said Lord Tweedmouth, First Lord of the Admiralty, at the annual general meeting of the institution yesterday.

In 1905 559 lives and twenty-seven vessels and boats were saved by lifeboats, and this without a single life being lost among the rescuing crews. At the end of 1905 the institution's fleet comprised 277 pulling and sailing lifeboats, one motor-lifeboat, four steam lifeboats, and one tug.

During 1905 the institution received £77,120 4s. 4d. in subscriptions and dividends, including the handsome sum of £12,527 4s. 1d. from the Lifeboat Saturday Fund.

### "IMPERIAL SMALL ARMS."

The statement in Parliament yesterday that the Sparkbrook (Birmingham) factory is to pass into the hands of a private company has created great surprise at Birmingham.

The new company will be known as the Imperial Small Arms Company, with a capital of a quarter of a million. About 1,000 men are employed, and it is believed the whole of them will be retained.

### FLEET-STREET BALCONY COLLAPSE.

Of the three men injured by the collapse of a balcony at Messrs. Carl Hentschel's premises in Fleet-street on Tuesday Robert Fitzgerald, of Old Ford, died yesterday, and another man named Jones lies in a precarious condition in St. Bartholomew's Hospital.



## DEFINITION OF A "HAREM."

Amusing Evidence in the Theatrical  
Slander Suit.

### MANCHESTER HUMOUR.

What does the word "harem" mean?

In the theatrical slander case, now being tried before Mr. Justice Grantham, the word in certain quarters has been regarded as a term of reproach.

In fact it was in a great measure because Mr. J. B. Williams, in a speech delivered before the Manchester City Council, said that among Manchester musicians the Comedy Theatre, presided over by Mr. Pitt Hardacre, was generally known as "The Harem," that the action was brought.

Mr. Williams used to be a musician in the Comedy orchestra, and, when there were "waits" in the performance, during which the services of his instrument were not required, he used sometimes to take strolls in the streets with fellow members of the orchestra.

On these occasions, he says, he and the companions of his walks were wont to remark to one another: "Let us go back to 'The Harem.'"

For the purpose of probing the difficulty that lies at the basis of the case, Mr. Mathews, one of Mr. Hardacre's counsel, put the question point blank to one of the witnesses, Mr. Williams, senior, the defendant's father.

"Tell me what is a harem?" he said.

Mr. Williams, senior, who has himself been an orchestra performer, considered for a moment, and then he slowly pronounced a definition, without which no future dictionary will be complete: "The wives of a Turk."

### Judge Laughed Longest.

The old gentleman had a way with him in answering questions that greatly amused the Court. When he was asked, "You are the defendant's father?" he replied with such a humorously solemn "I believe so," that the Judge was among the last to leave off laughing.

He had called the Comedy "The Harem," the witness said, because if he had called it the Comedy nobody would have known what he meant.

The "Slaughterhouse" had been referred to previously. The Judge now asked the authority in the witness-box to what theatre this elegant application applied, and why?

"The Queen's," replied the authority, "we had to slog away there, play a lot of music."

Mr. Mathews offered supplementary information. "They liked their drama hot and strong at the 'Slaughterhouse.'"

Counsel then put forward a suggestion of his own as to why the nickname "Harem" came into existence. "There was a great deal of voluptuous dancing at the Comedy, was there not?"

Mr. Williams, senior, dismissed the matter brusquely. "I know nothing about harems." (Loud laughter.)

He added, in reply to another question: "I don't talk to my children about bad things."

### A Humorist-in-Manchester.

The defendant himself giving evidence told the Court that in Manchester he is regarded as a humorist. This statement, combined with the fact that his father had been so amusing, raised the Court's expectations.

But, gazing at the scene before him very gravely through gold-rimmed spectacles, the younger Mr. Williams pointed out that truth was not always funny. He had come to tell the truth.

Although he confined himself mainly to the unpleasant impression that events at "The Harem" had produced on his mind, Mr. Williams nevertheless obliged with at least one jeu d'esprit.

He was asked why he had not prompted his counsel (Mr. Shee, K.C.) to ask what Mr. Mathews considered an essential question of one of the previous witnesses.

Said Mr. Williams: "I suggested several things to my counsel, but he told me not to bother him. (Loud laughter.)"

The councillor was asked why, at the time of the events he described—thirteen years ago—he had not denounced them. "I am afraid I do," he blurted to them," he explained.

A young actress confided to the Court that at Mr. Hardacre's "Mother Goose" supper-party she had remarked that a certain comedian was "a beast."

Counsel asked whether she called all gentlemen whom she suspected of wrong-doing "beasts."

Beauty replied, "I am afraid I do."

The "final speech" stage had been reached when the Court adjourned.

### GRANDFATHER AS BIGAMIST.

Nine months' hard labour was the sentence passed at the Leeds Assizes yesterday on James Southill, a Bradford man, over sixty years of age, who married an attractive girl of twenty-nine, when he already had a wife and a grown-up family. The evidence disclosed that Southill was a grandfather.

## PORRIDGE AT THE DOOR.

Ingenious Invention Which Should Be an  
Immense Boon to Housewives.

The novel prospect of hot porridge and milk being left on the doorstep with the early morning loaf, is one which should be good news to many housewives, who either do not know how to make this substantial breakfast dish, or do not care to go to the trouble.

An inventive mind at Teddington has evolved a scheme to deliver porridge—milk, dish, and spoon complete—and which provides for those lazy ones who will not get out of bed immediately they hear the porridge-man's cry, as the dish will keep hot for "any length of time."

The oats will be cooked in large, water-surrounded cookers, and these will be provided with automatic mechanism for measuring off given quantities of porridge direct into patent heat-retaining dishes. Hot milk is then added, and the heat-retainer closed and put into a heated conveyance for delivery. It is intended to serve the porridge in a paper-lined plate, the lining to be made non-absorbent to withstand the moisture, and sell the whole complete with milk and spoon.

"The object of my invention is the delivery of porridge in such a manner that it can be served hot from house to house, compact and with dispatch," says the inventor, and the system has already proved a great success in Teddington.

## CEASELESS WAR AGAINST RABIES.

Lord Carrington Refuses To Consider Relaxation of  
Board of Trade Regulation.

Lord Carrington, President of the Board of Agriculture, received a very doggy deputation yesterday afternoon representing the National Canine Defence League, and gave a sympathetic ear to various reforms which were suggested.

He said that the proposed Bill to confine dogs indoors between sunrise and sunset would not press so heavily on the owners of dogs as most people imagined, as they would be able to take dogs out at the end of a lead.

But his reply to a proposal to reduce the quarantine on dogs coming into this country from six months to six weeks was a decided negative. It was not a matter of sentiment, he said. Rabies had been stamped out by the regulations of the Board. It would be a most terrible responsibility if that horrible disease should once more be introduced, and so long as he remained in office the present law would stand.

## "LOVE POEM" ON BROWN PAPER.

Man's Excuse to Jilted Sweetheart That He Had To  
Marry a Wife Who Could Keep Him.

Though cards I have none, and of cash I'm cleared out,  
My wishes I'm anxious to send,  
And should fortune's wheel once again turn about  
Shall be glad to count you my friend.  
So excuse this brown paper for the reason I've shown,  
And next year I'll try to have cards of my own.

Such was the letter sent on coarse brown paper by Joseph Jones, builder, of Bolton, to Mary Taylor Blanket, of the same town.

It was stated in the Preston Sheriff's Court that he promised the girl marriage, showed her houses that he owned, and finally broke off the engagement.

He was then wedded to a middle-aged lady, and explained to Miss Blanket that he had married a woman who could keep him, as he could not keep himself. The jury assessed damages at £150.

## ROMANCE OF A FOUNDLING.

Pathetic Anonymous Request to Guardians, "Please  
Be Kind to My Little Boy."

Fiction writers might seek far for a parallel to the case in which the Lambeth Guardians decided to arrange for the entrance into a home of an unknown babe, found on the doorstep of Mrs. Horford, of Hercules-road, Lambeth.

With the child were a tin of milk and a loaf of bread. There was also the following letter:—

Kind friend,—Please be kind to my little boy. I am dying, and no one knows how I feel. It almost breaks my heart to part with him. If you won't take him in, please do not take him to the workhouse, but place him in a home. His father has died in Africa from dysentery.

I have spent my last shilling to get him his food. I shall end my troubles soon. God grant that someone may be kind to my pet and love him. He is a dear little lad. . . .  
—From your broken-hearted EDITH WINTON.

The guardians, after consultation, asked one of the lady guardians to see arrangements for the admission of the child into a home.

A committee was appointed at a meeting at 76, Wimpole-street, W., yesterday, at which Sir Wroth Leithbridge presided, to further the scheme for providing a hospital for gentlewomen.

## FAITHLESS LOVER.

Annoys Deserted Girl with a Satirical  
Whistling Serenade.

### "GIRL I LEFT BEHIND ME."

It is not often that a faithless lover, after breaking off his engagement, adds insult to injury by whistling under the forsaken girl's window such airs as "The Girl I Left Behind Me" and "Only to See Her Face Again."

This singular allegation was made by counsel in the course of a breach of promise case in the London Sheriff's Court yesterday, when Charles William Orlebar, a Clapton dairyman, was ordered to pay £100 damages to Miss Evelyn Melia Emily Pitt.

Orlebar, who is in the employ of his father, fell in love with the young woman. It was, declared counsel on behalf of the lady, not a boy and girl affair. The lady was thirty. The gentleman would probably not see forty again.

The Pitt and the Orlebar households were adjacent when the first signs of love were manifest. It was in 1897 that the dairyman promised marriage. From that time down to last December the couple were regarded as duly affianced.

### Pained Over Billiards.

The courtship had pursued an unusually even tenor of its way when the lady became concerned because her future husband developed a passion for billiards, at a hostelry known as the Clyde.

Because he did not leave this establishment until "turning out time," she wrote him a letter expressive of her grief and pain. Upon the basis of this letter the dairyman founded his argument that there was a mutual separation, and he quoted it when challenged as to why he would not fulfil his promise of marriage.

"Love has gone," he announced to the girl he had courted for nearly ten years, "and can never come back again."

Counsel for the lady translated this poetic and dramatic announcement in the following terms:—

The love has flown, as we know now, to the barmaid round the corner.

Even after that the couple visited the dairyman's brother's house, and, in the presence of the party there, the swain repeated his refusal to marry his sweetheart.

### Father's Letter.

When they parted that night, however, he wished to kiss her. She refused the honour, ironically remarking that if his love was dead such a familiarity could not be allowed.

Then the girl's father stepped in with a spirited protest in the shape of a letter. This ran:—

Although I was not altogether surprised at your cowardly manner, I am quite shocked at your ungentle conduct. I don't you think it would be more manly to call and see me rather than call my daughter out of her home to tell her what you have told her? I am glad that she has escaped you, but that is only one way of looking at it.

## "DAILY MIRROR" TRIP TO PARIS.

Amid Hearty Cheering a Merry Party Leaves Victoria  
in the Special Saloon Train.

The *Daily Mirror* was practically in possession of Victoria Station (S.E. and C.R.) yesterday for an hour, terminating at 2.15 p.m., when the *Daily Mirror* trip to Paris commenced with the departure of the special train with its load of happy voyagers.

Happy boards all over the station pointed the way to the "DAILY MIRROR" SPECIAL TRAIN FOR PARIS, and the porters took great delight in calling: "Any more for the *Daily Mirror*?" To Mr. Green, representing the railway company, who attended the departure of the train, the thanks of all concerned are due.

It was a gay scene when about 140 travellers ranged up beside the handsome reserved saloon carriages with porters, luggage, and Messrs. Cook's uniformed guides in attendance. Many photographs were taken, some of the travellers themselves carrying cameras.

As the train steamed out of the station five minutes in advance of the regular boat-train, handkerchiefs were waved from the windows and hearty cheers were raised.

Up to 1.20 yesterday the *Daily Mirror* continued to receive applications by telegraph to join the party, but many of these had to be refused.

### GRAVE CHARGE AGAINST DOCTOR.

On a serious charge regarding two girls who attended an L.C.C. school for mentally deficient children at Edward-street, Deptford, of which he was the medical officer, Dr. Alfred Ernest Jones, of Harley-street, was remanded at the Greenwich Police Court yesterday.

## HIGHER STRAW HATS.

Fashion Decrees for the Coming Season  
Fewer "Freak" Shapes.

Examining the stacks of straw hats standing in every London hat warehouse and shop, ready to be put in the window before Easter, the *Daily Mirror* yesterday saw what were Fashion's dictates for 1906.

The fashionable straw hat this year will be higher in the crown and narrower in the brim than last year's. It will be of fine plaited straw, the whiter the better, and the edges will be "rolled," or, in other words, smooth.

There will be fewer "freak" hats than ever. "With every year we notice," said a prominent hatter to the *Daily Mirror*, "increased uniformity of style in straw hats. Even in ribbons this is the case, men wearing black bands in preference to coloured except when entitled to wear club colours."

The *Daily Mirror* observed a number of straw hats of Homburg shape of the kind the King is understood still to favour. But there was a total absence of straw hats made in the shape of bowlers and high hats.

Hats of ordinary shape made of straw as pliable as the Panama have also quite disappeared, but with the arrival of this year's American tourists London will see a thick sprinkling of straw hats of the regulation shape, but made of stiff straw as fine as the Panama plait and selling in this country at not less than a guinea.

## SLEEPY TELEPHONE EXCHANGES.

Fire Expert's Crushing Comment on the "Restful"  
Occupation of Night Operators.

Fire Brigade officials had occasion to criticise the telephone service at a fire inquiry, held by the City Coroner yesterday, regarding an outbreak in Noble-street.

Coroner (to Lieutenant Sladen, third officer of the Brigade): Is there delay sometimes on the telephone?—Well, sir, it doesn't require the experience of a fire brigade officer to say that.

Do you find that there is delay in calling the exchange at night?—Yes, sir. The people who are in the exchanges at night may be thought to be in some other employment in the daytime, and to go to the telephones at night to rest.

Colonel Fox (head of the London Salvage Corps) said that the telephone was a perfect danger. It prevented people from ringing the fire alarm. They relied upon the telephone, and so wasted time.

## STAGE EFFECTS IN THE DOCK.

Canning Rogue Who for Nineteen Years Has Posed in  
Court as Grievously Afflicted.

"One of the most astute and heartless of swindlers" was the police description given yesterday at Clerkenwell Sessions of William Ridley Carr, otherwise Pagett, a middle-aged man, who was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour for false pretences.

On entering the dock he behaved in a strange manner, and presented a curious spectacle. He was clothed in an Inverness cloak and wore kid gloves, and his eyes were shaded with black eye-glasses.

He made curious grimaces, and pleaded that he was blind and deaf. It was also part of his defence that there was a conspiracy against him.

The police told quite a different story. He had, they said, been in prison most of his life. For thirty-three years he had been known to them.

Inspector Kane said he had known the prisoner to go through the same antics in the dock for nineteen years. It was part of an assumed performance to deceive everybody. The man had no need to wear shades for his eyes—that was part of his make-up.

## "WALKER, IRELAND."

Sad Domestic Story of a Major Who Enlisted as a  
Trooper To Fight in the South African War.

Damages to the amount of £500 were awarded yesterday in the Divorce Court against Mr. Harry Walker, of independent means, living in Ireland, when Major St. John Christophers, D.S.O., obtained a divorce from his wife.

The Major was married at Brentford in 1888, and he and his wife went to Florida. When they returned to England the South African war had begun, and the Major enlisted as a trooper in the Imperial Yeomanry.

When he came back to England he lived at Chatham with his wife, who introduced him to Mr. Walker as "a friend of her mother's."

One day Mrs. Christophers went out, saying she was going to the dentist. She did not return. She went to Ireland with Walker instead.

## AMERICANS AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES.

Mr. J. E. Sullivan, the manager of the American team for the Athens Olympic Games, arrived at Plymouth yesterday. The team will consist of thirty-six members, representing the pick of American athletes.



## KHAKI UNIFORMS A GREAT MISTAKE.

Sir Alfred Turner Says We Should  
Keep to Traditional Garb.

## MEN LOOK LIKE CONVICTS.

"Red is the colour for British infantry," said Major-General Sir Alfred Turner to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday, thus supporting the English woman's point of view as voiced by "Rita."

"Khaki is a grave mistake," continued Sir Alfred. "While its use continues the Army will not attract recruits."

"At a little distance it is impossible to distinguish a soldier in khaki from a convict, and, indeed, he is nicknamed the 'convict, without the broad arrow.'"

"How can a man take any pride in a uniform that is far less attractive than that of the policeman or the postman? Even if khaki is necessary for active service, there is no reason why it should be worn during peace."

### French Grey Better Than Khaki.

"But even khaki is only of use in a few countries. For European warfare French grey would be the most suitable, the climate and the green landscape rendering it at a distance practically invisible. And French grey uniforms are very handsome. From no point of view, therefore, is the wearing of khaki in this country justified."

"I should suggest that, following the German practice, our soldiers should have canvas frocks and trousers for rough work, and that for the rest the old traditional uniforms should, in the main, be adhered to."

"Our Army—officers and men—is heartily tired of the constant changes, which are expensive and unsettling."

"In the German army there has been no change for fifty years. The Germans have been far more economical than we have, and they have not succeeded, as we have, in disgusting all ranks."

"All this altering of little bits of gold lace and buttons comes heavily on the pockets of the taxpayers, and is not an atom of use."

### What the Germans Do.

Sir Alfred Turner commented as follows on the German uniform at the end of his report on the German manoeuvres of 1903:—

"The uniform of the German soldier is remarkably serviceable and simple; with the exception of a canvas frock and trousers for rough work, he has only a tunic and trousers or pantaloons."

"The following suits for each man are kept in store, and, with the exception of No. 1, are drawn on occasions:—

"(No. 1) field uniform which is perfectly unworn, and is only used on mobilisation."

"(No. 2) parade uniform for the Kaiser's parades, guards of honour, etc."

"(No. 3) Sunday uniform for Sundays, holidays, and ordinary reviews."

"The fourth suit of the men with the colours is called service uniform, and is worn on all ordinary parades and duties. The fifth ('barracks') suit is worn for fatigues, etc."

## TREE CRASHES INTO AN INN.

Roof Split and Wall Shattered During Cutting Down  
of Elms on Datchet Common.

During the cutting down of some fine old elms at Datchet Common yesterday, one of them, owing to the force of the wind, fell on the Plough Inn with disastrous consequences.

The roof was parted in two, the wall was almost completely shattered, and two bedrooms were laid bare.

Fortunately, Mrs. Clarke, the wife of the proprietor, who had been lying in one of the bedrooms on account of illness, had been removed a little before the tree came crashing to the bed she had occupied.

A photograph of the scene after the accident appears on this page.

### ARCHDEACON ON LODGERS.

Lodgers were one of the greatest sources of family discord and immorality among the poor, Archdeacon Harnish of Chichester told a Worthing audience yesterday. He strongly urged all young married couples to get a small house all to themselves.

### "PROPERTY IN NEWS."

Mr. Justice Buckley, in the Chancery Court Division yesterday, granted the injunction asked for by the Exchange Telegraph Company against the London and Manchester Press Agency, restraining the defendants from making improper use of news collected by the company. The question involved was one of "property in news."

## LAST NIGHT'S NEWS ITEMS.

During the last seven days 1,000 aliens have landed in London.

Discharges of workmen from the royal dockyards are to be resumed on April 1.

Canon Garratt, one of the oldest clergymen in East Anglia, died at Ipswich yesterday morning.

At Liverpool yesterday an arrest was made in connection with the murder of a twelve-year-old boy, in Anfield Cemetery, on March 10.

Fire broke out yesterday on a train on the District Railway proceeding from Hammersmith to Ravenscourt Park, but was quickly extinguished.

At Bulawayo, Herbert Reynolds, an Englishman, has been fined £400, with the alternative of six months' hard labour, for selling liquor to a native.

Miss Daisy Nevinston Hallam is giving her first dramatic recital to-night at 8.15 at the Aeolian Hall, New Bond-street, and her programme includes many novel features.

Warnings have been issued that an iceberg, a quarter of a mile long, and 100 feet above the surface of the water, is floating in the path of Atlantic liners off the coast of Newfoundland.

It is stated that the large columns surrounding the open space in front of Buckingham Palace are to be adorned with the coats-of-arms, in carved stone, of our various Colonies and dependencies.

Lord Stanmore has given notice to move that a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report on the unfinished condition of certain rooms in the House of Lords and their approaches.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, replying to Mr. Barker, M.P., in the House of Commons yesterday, said that though prosecutions continue to be brought against persons holding conscientious objections to the Education Act, he does not see how the Government can interfere.

M.P.s who are golfers met at the House of Commons yesterday, under the presidency of Mr. Gladstone, and accepted the invitation of the Littlestone Club to hold their competition there on May 19.

Miss Sidney Browne, the matron-in-chief of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, formerly attached to the Gordon Relief Expedition, will retire on April 4.

The Pope, it is reported from New York, has received Mr. Pierpont Morgan in order to confer with him regarding the investment of £2,000,000 of the Vatican's surplus funds.

Though Sir Edward Clarke is recovering from his indisposition it is understood that he must take sea voyage before resuming his duties in the House of Commons.

An East End dealer, who received yesterday a box of storks' eggs from Holland, is going to try to hatch them in an incubator, and rear the birds as pets.

Capable of carrying four men and explosives at a speed of twenty-six miles an hour, a new military navigable balloon is being constructed in France.

Lord Justice Romer is indisposed, and was unable to take his seat in the Court of Appeal yesterday. Three Judges are now away ill.

## TREE SPLITS HOUSE IN HALF.



While a large elm was being felled at Datchet it suddenly toppled over on to the Plough Inn, splitting the house between two bedrooms. Mrs. Clarke, the landlady's wife, had a narrow escape.

Mr. Henry Ainley, Mr. H. V. Esmond, Mr. Edward Sass, and Mr. Frank Tyars will appear with Miss Lena Ashwell in "The Bond of Ninon," with which she opens her season at the Savoy at Easter.

Some experts say that the copy of the "Secret History of England" accidentally sold last week for sixpence, is only worth a few shillings, certainly not £1,000.

The authorities at King's Cross have before them a proposal to run regularly to Edinburgh during the summer traffic an express train camouflaged in white.

Sir John Gorst has just visited Bradford to inquire into the system adopted there of making swimming part of the elementary education of children.

Lord Wemyss will call attention in the House of Lords on March 30 to the questions of home defence and compulsory service in the militia.

In the sand at low tide at Llandudno has been found a quantity of coal, part of the cargo of a ship which sank in the bay some years ago.

The extent of Mr. Evan Roberts' fame can be gauged by the fact that his profile now appears on jam-jars sold by a Carnarvon firm.

Near Innsbruck two people have been killed and two severely frost-bitten by a snowstorm which overtook them on the mountains.

Huge fissures have appeared in the walls of a church at Atherton, near Manchester, as the result of mining operations beneath.

The death was announced yesterday of the Rev. Robert Dawson, Clerical secretary of the London City Mission.

Three hundred trout will be placed in the Thames at Shepperton Weir on Saturday.

Welsh steam coal has this week advanced 3s. a ton in price, as a result of the French strike.

Erected in the sixteenth century, the famous Sardinian Ambassadors' Chapel in Kingsway is to be replaced by a new church.

At Wigton Police Court a defendant alleged that his wife in a fit of temper punctured his bicycle tyres in forty-two places with a hatpin.

According to a medical return just issued thirty-nine per cent. of candidates for enlistment are rejected on account of their bad teeth.

After spending over £500,000 upon its promenade Blackpool proposes, at a further cost of £25,000, to extend the sea wall as a protection for the cliffs.

To welcome the arrival of spring, the vicar of St. Michael's, Folkestone, assisted by a choir-boy, yesterday rang a peal from the belfry of his church.

Under the will of Mr. Charles Hartree, who died January 27, leaving £41,548, his housekeeper received £1,000, his housemaid £500, and his butler £500.

Over 10,000 signatures have been attached to a memorial asking the Home Secretary to allow relatives and friends to interview remand prisoners at Brixton and Holloway Gaols on Sunday mornings.

Mr. McConnell, K.C., at Clerkenwell Sessions yesterday sentenced to twelve months' hard labour Louisa Cathrine Coomb du Pasquier Stewart Stanley, who, representing herself as "the Hon. Mrs. Stewart Stanley," secured money by false pretences.

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"THAT TIRED FEELING."

IT is always a little surprising to hear sun-worship in England called evidence of lunacy, as it has been in the Enquiry now being conducted into the state of mind of the famous F.R.S. who invented the Gilchrist process of steel-making.

If any nation has good reason to treat the sun as a manifestation of the Deity, surely it is this nation which lives in a climate that is detestable when the sun does not shine. Yet that which is thought quite natural in the Zoroastrians of the shiny East stamps a man as insane in gloomy England.

In Persia, where most of the sun-worshippers are to be found, the sun is often a curse instead of a blessing. He is worshipped in the spirit which prompts men to propitiate capricious and dangerous forces of nature.

We, on the other hand, can regard the sun as a kindly, beneficent orb. We never suffer from drought caused by his burning summer heat. Our corn-lands are not parched, nor our pastures burnt up by his furnace-breath. The only harm he ever does us is when he hides his face.

King Edward is reported to have said to the Mayor of Biarritz the other day that we had no weather in England like that of Southern France. Yet when we do have a glorious day of unbroken sunshine, such as last Saturday, we need envy no climate in the world. Nothing could be more delicious than our English weather is—sometimes!

The real trouble is its variability. It is "everything by turns and nothing long." Women are models of constancy compared with the English climate.

That is why we feel slack and chilly and headachy in the spring. Our system gets left behind in the endeavour to accommodate itself to hot sun and hail and snow and rain and frost and mugginess, all following one another in rapid succession, often in the course of a single day.

Sun-worship lunacy? Why, as we shiver in the north-east gale, and feel the hailstones getting down our necks, and look up at the depressing grey of the sky, and remember Saturday, surely we would all be sun-worshippers, if our worship could procure us any more sun! II.

SHORTEST WAY WITH CRANKS

A Wimpole-street doctor has been attacking dress fads—the no-hat, no-boots, no-corset crazes. He points out that they do no good. On the contrary, they usually deform the body, according to him.

Argument, however, carries very little weight with cranks; it only stiffens them in their fads. The best plan is to take no notice of them. Then they soon fall into line with the majority.

"Is it a good thing, then," you ask, "to do as the majority do?" In such matters as food and dress and social customs, it certainly is. They are not important enough to worry about.

If you find that meat-eating or starched-collar wearing really injure you or make you unhappy, quietly drop these habits. There is no need to go round with a drum announcing your resolve.

Those who imagine that everyone wants to hear their views on dress or diet are generally wrong. We ought to have better things to think of than "what we shall eat and where-  
withal we shall be clothed."

If the man with no hat paid as much attention to the inside of his head as to the outside, if the woman with no corsets thought more of widening her sympathies than of spoiling her shape, the world might be better for their presence in it, and they would lose nothing but that cheap sense of exceptional wisdom which is the crank's only stay. E. B.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

After all, in the sight of the Upper Powers, what is the mighty difference between a statue of Perseus and a loaf of bread, so that each be the thing one's hand has found to do.—*Jane Welsh Carlyle.*

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

THE Marquis of Graham has consented, "after some pressure," to contest the Eye Division of Suffolk for the Unionist side, and a sentimental interest attaches to his candidature because of the fact that the "pressure" came from his fiancée, Lady Mary Hamilton, who has immense influence in Suffolk. One must approve of Lord Graham's electoral attitude. Certainly, it is extremely sensible to make your constituents aware that you are doing them a favour in agreeing to stand and make speeches for them, to sit in a draughty House for them, and to allow them to write to you and tell you that they will withdraw their votes unless you advise them at length upon any and every subject, from Imperial policy to the cure of chilblains.

This must seem stupid, fussy work to a gallant sailor, and we must remember, too, that Lord Graham contested Stirlingshire at the general election, and was defeated. That defeat was an astonishing instance of the strength of the Liberal reaction, for, in any ordinary circumstances, one is quite convinced that no constituency would reject a good-looking sailor, who happened also to be the son

of that foolish scandal about a boyish pamphlet on Atheism. In Shelley's day the tutorial effort of the authorities was small. Shelley went to his tutor soon after he arrived at Oxford, and that worthy merely said: "Have you read Aristotle, Mr. Shelley? Oh, you must really read Aristotle; yes, yes, yes read Aristotle, Mr. Shelley—?" until the "divine poet," despairing of ever getting a word in, left the tutor babbling about Aristotle to himself.

The Bishop of Bristol is a humorist, and has always lived amongst humorists; and quite in his best manner were the remarks he made at a meeting at the Church House, when he told his audience that he could only recognise one note in music, and that note alone did he ever venture to sing. One imagines that the "Ecclesiastical set" at Bristol must be a very amusing one to live in.

Dr. Browne served for a long time as examining chaplain to the late Dr. Temple, and later on, when Temple became Bishop of London, he was appointed his Suffragan. Temple, too, stimulated Dr. Browne's sense of humour by his dry and

MR. CHURCHILL MUZZLED IN THE MILNER DEBATE.



"I am bound to say that unless the Cabinet muzzle Mr. Winston Churchill they will bring themselves into a disastrous conflict with the Colonies." — Mr. J. R. MacDonald, Labour M.P. for Leicester.

Last night in the debate on Lord Milner's conduct in South Africa, Mr. Churchill was officially muzzled. He had to propose an amendment to the Liberal vote of censure.

of a duke. Lord Graham is now engaged to be married. That ought to settle the matter in his favour.

The new Master of University College, Oxford, is Dr. Reginald Macan, who has been, ever since 1873, a fellow and tutor there, working for years under his predecessor, Dr. Bright. Before this election a lot of foolish talk went about concerning the probable departure of Dr. Burge from Winchester to take up his position at the head of the college which he helped to make so successful as Dean.

It may be remembered that he was appointed, first of all, to the Headmastership of Repton, when he left Oxford; and rumours insisted that he much offended the authorities there by leaving the school for Winchester so soon—after only a few months authority. I fancy that Winchester would be more offended still had there been anything (which there was not) in the talk about the second change of plans made by Dr. Burge.

"Univ." is now quite one of the best colleges in Oxford—one of the modernest, sufficiently "reformed" to satisfy most of the innumerable critics of the university. It has, therefore, improved its habits since the distant days when it cast forth Shelley, its most illustrious son, because

sometimes rather grim chaff. A story used to be told, for instance, of a conference between Temple, Dr. Browne, and the Bishop of Gloucester. When the three had arrived, Temple said: "Here we all are—Faith, Hope, and Charity. You, Stepany—turning to Dr. Browne—"are Charity, because you are always begging." "I don't object," replied Dr. Browne, "because the greatest of the three is Charity."

Dr. Browne grew to care very much for Temple during the time that he worked with him. And it would indeed have been difficult not to admire the homely courage with which Temple had fought all his life against poverty and other hostile circumstances. The "Life" of him just published gives a good account of his early days of self-denial—how at Oxford, for instance, he would not light his fire for fear of running up the bills.

A story much to the credit of worthy and eccentric Dr. Jenkins, the Master of Balliol, belongs to this period, too. He saw Temple, whom he had reason to suspect of being unusually out of pocket, walking across the quad one morning, and called the undergraduate to him from his window. "I intend all you young fellows to consider me as your father," he said, "as the father of the college, and I insist upon your taking this." And a banknote fluttered down from the window.

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

THE GRIEVANCE OF INDIA.

With reference to India's most bitter complaint about the oppressive, unjust burden of a large amount of Imperial military expenditure, I desire to submit the following consideration:—

The Indians are repeatedly told, and were also told several times in the late Royal Commission on Indian Expenditure, that Indians are partners in the British Empire, and must share the burdens of the Empire. Then I propose a simple test.

Suppose the total Imperial military expenditure for the purposes of the preservation and defence of the British Empire from all dangers to be, say, £50,000,000 (£30,000,000 of English Budget and £20,000,000 of Indian Budget), and you may ask half or £25,000,000 or more or less as to be contributed by British India.

As a partner, India would be ready to contribute its share, but as partners Indians must claim, and must have, their share in all the employments, emoluments, and benefits, etc., of the whole military service to the extent of their contribution. I would apply the same test to the Imperial Navy.

But if the British Government force the helpless and voiceless and armless Indians to pay their share in all the services—civil, military, naval, or any other—without receiving their share of all the employments, emoluments, and benefits of all such expenditure in the proportion of their contribution, then the British treatment of the Indians is a most unrighteous and most wicked treatment, that of an oppressor over a helpless people.

DADABHAI NAOROJI.  
22, Kennington-road, S.E.

IS MEAT A NECESSARY FOOD?

To all level-headed people it must be little short of demoralising to watch the absurd theories of the ultra-moral faddists finding their way into every detail of human existence. Life brings enough worries without it without the repeated warnings of these deluded creatures that we are slowly exterminating ourselves by partaking in the common fare of everyday life.

do not wish this to be an argument as to whether the human race is carnivorous or frugivorous, but it is perfectly shocking to follow the antics of these anti-meat-eating fanatics.

High medical authorities tell us that proteid is, in some form or other, essential to the human frame, and surely the opinion of these men is preferable to that of the man or woman who has read a scurrilous tract on the subject issued by some quick doctor.

When the question arises: "Is the national physique deteriorating?" let us ask ourselves whether this system of under-feeding is likely to be beneficial in that direction. H. R. F. MEAR.  
Richmond.

THE PUPIL TEACHER'S RING.

In saying that a teacher was dismissed by the educational authorities for wearing an engagement ring "Consistent" is, I should imagine, under a false apprehension.

By what I can gather from the various accounts of the episode which I have read, I should say that the teacher received her congé for insubordination.

To begin with, the primary duty which a teacher has to learn is obedience to superiors before she can hope to obtain that same obedience from her pupils. Insubordinate teachers beget insubordinate scholars and without discipline the value of education is lost.

Apart from this, a young teacher in her apprenticeship requires all her time for her studies, and if, instead of applying herself assiduously to them, she frivolous her time in other ways, she is usually a sad disappointment to her teachers and others concerned. A MARRIED TEACHER.

Brookley.

SELF-DENIAL WEEK.

Will you allow me a word or two on "H. H. F.'s" article on Self-Denial Week? In my opinion the employment of that phrase "paying for religious services" is totally uncalled for.

I have been an active member of the Salvation Army in the town in which I live for the last ten years. The expenses of our religious services we (the members) pay for without a murmur.

The only services that the Self-Denial Fund pays for (directly or indirectly) are those held in foreign countries.

One word more. I have found, from personal experience, that the people who criticise and do most to say give nothing to the Self-Denial Fund. LOCAL OFFICER.  
Salisbury.

IN MY GARDEN.

MARCH 21.—In warm districts the almond tree is now in bloom. This is a splendid subject for a small garden, where one so often sees robust-growing trees planted and annually mutilated into hideous shapes.

White and purple buds peep from the young leaves of the lilac, grey buds swell on the laburnums. That lovely shrub mezerion is still covered with pink blossoms, round it white-forget-me-nots open tiny flowers.

Quickly the roses are making growth. The Wichuriana varieties, trailing over a rockery, make a charming picture with their vivid green leaves; from beneath their sheltering shoots the first scarlet anemones have to-day lifted glowing blooms.

E. F. T.



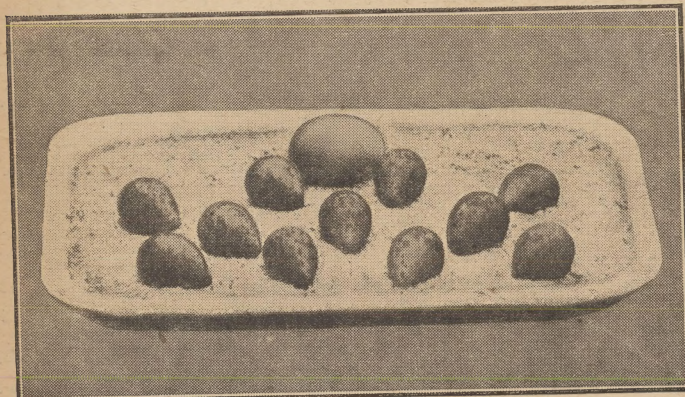
# SNAP-SHOTS

## MID-OCEAN SHIP'S DIVING APPARATUS.



Captain Livingstone, of the barque Birnam Wood, repaired a leak in the bottom of his ship by means of a canvas cylinder into which he was placed and lowered overboard. The photographs show the cylinder itself and Captain Livingstone entering the cylinder, taken at a demonstration given before shipowners at the South-West India Docks.

## FIRST PLOVERS' EGGS OF THE SEASON.



The first plovers' eggs, wherever found, are sent to the King. The second clutch, photographed above, with a hen's egg to make comparison of size, came to market yesterday and fetched £3 3s.

## CHILDREN WHO SAIL FOR CANADA TO-DAY.



The three little mites on the right are saying good-bye, most likely for ever, to their school-mates at West Ham. They leave Euston to-day with a large party of children taken out to Canada by the Salvation Army.

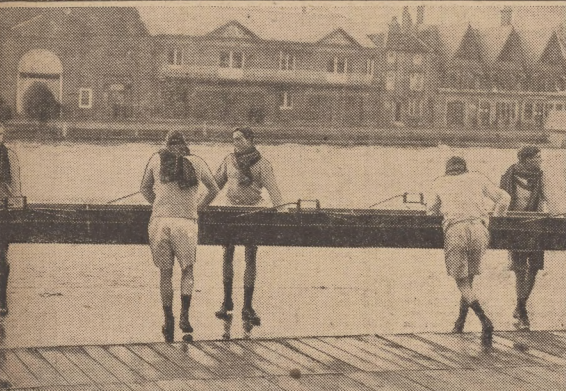
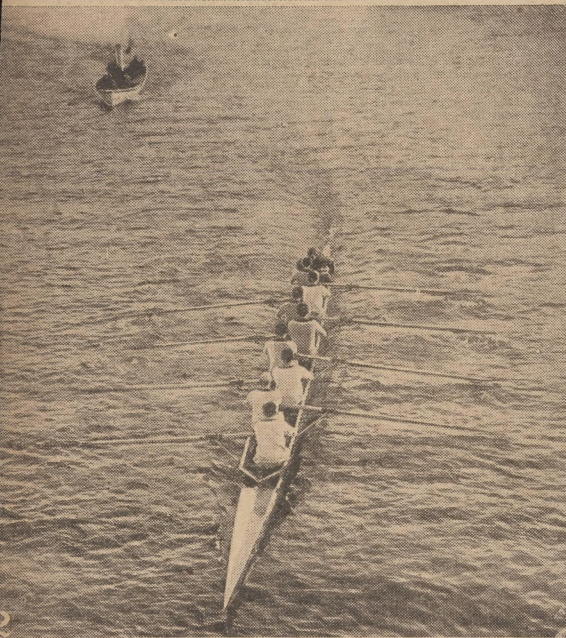
# THE OXFORD CREW AT HENLEY FOR 1



Oxford's Boatrace crew are undergoing a preliminary training at Henley. (1) Getting ready for practice; Mr. E. P. Evans, president of the O.U.B.C., rasping his oar to a better grip. (2) In full swing, followed by the coach's launch. (3) Crew carry



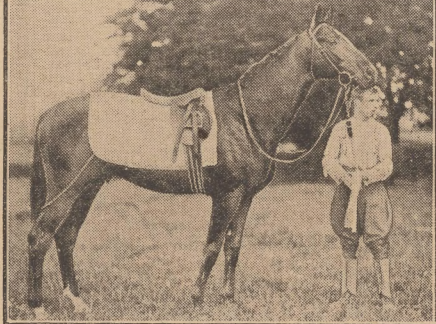
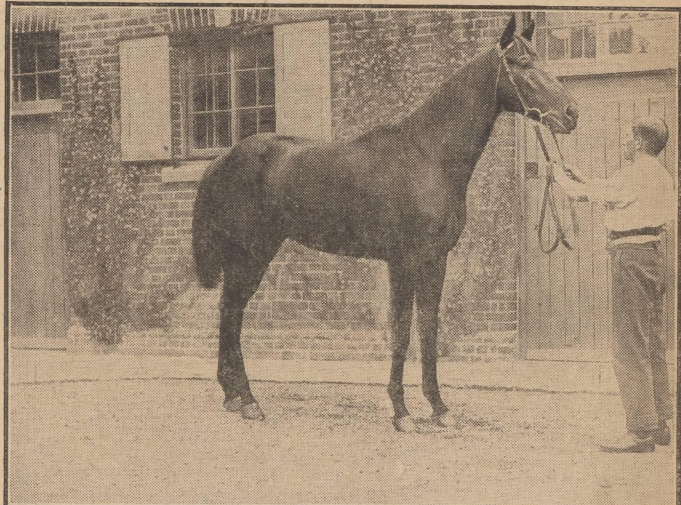
# W PRACTISING BOAT-RACE.



their oars down to the raft. (4) Launching the craft in the water. (5) Mr. Fletcher, the coach, in his launch, with megaphone; Dr. Warre is seated in the launch. (6) Dr. Warre (in centre) leaving the river in the rain after the practice.

# PHOTOGRAPH.

FAMOUS RACEHORSE OWNER DEAD.



Mr. John Gubbins, of Kilfrush, has died in his sixty-seventh year. He was one of the very few men privileged to win two Derbys. His first with Galtee More—photograph above—and his second with Ard Patrick—photograph below. In 1886 he was High Sheriff of Co. Limerick.

No. 38.—AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS' COMPETITION.



Amateur photographers are invited to send interesting news photographs to the *Daily Mirror*. For each one used 10s. 6d. will be paid, and every week a £2 2s. prize will be awarded to the sender of the picture adjudged by the Editor to be the best. No. 38, sent and taken by Lady Garioch—whose portrait is inset—depicts a meet of the juveniles of the Cottesmore Hunt.



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ROBERT TEMPLE, the Duke's private secretary.  
LORD ROBERT VILMER, cousin to Lady Susan Chester, whom he loves.

## CHAPTER XXVIII.

"Dead!" The young man repeated the word with emotion. "My dear girl, my dear Susan, don't say such a dreadful thing!" he exclaimed hurriedly. Then he took the woman's cold hand and led her through the hall into a small morning-room which, as he knew, was hardly ever used. "Sit down, you look as white as a sheet." He placed his cousin in a chair, then bent over her anxiously. "I know what the trouble is," he said in low tones. "Chester has been upsetting you. You don't like the way the Berkshires have taken him up. Your opinion of Henrietta Temple is the same as mine."

Susan hung her head. "It's not that only," she answered. "Of course, I know quite well that the Duchess wants to flirt with Paul, as she has flirted with so many other men, and naturally I resent it, but that's not my great trouble, Bob." She sighed. "Paul never loved me; Paul doesn't love me now. I am his wife in the eyes of the world, but I mean nothing to him really—nothing, absolutely nothing."

Her voice, her manner, grew inexpressibly bitter as she spoke. The man who stood by her side winced.

"Dear, and—and—I love you so," he muttered in a dazed, half-bewildered fashion. "Why, I'd die for you to-morrow if you asked me. There's nothing in the whole wide world I wouldn't do to please you."

"Dear, loyal Bob." She stretched out her hand and found his hand, forgetting how horribly, how cruelly, she was tempting him, never realising the effect her words and actions might have on him.

"Loyal—you call me loyal," he cried, turning to her passionately, his thin, small face aflame and a light in his eyes she had never seen before—at least not for years. "And so I am—but to you, Susan, not to your husband. For—oh, don't be furious with me; don't be angry." He stared at her with a curious intensity. "Can't you guess what I am going to say?" he went on. "Susan, won't you leave Chester, who doesn't value—who doesn't appreciate you as he should—won't you leave your husband for me?"

"Robert!" Her voice was full of angry dismay. She drew her hand from his grasp and glanced up with startled eyes.

"Don't be angry—don't be angry, Susan," he exclaimed. "For, oh, I'd be good to you. Oh, I vow before God and man that I'd make you happy. I'd take you abroad, and, of course, we should be able to get married later on. Chester wouldn't be cad enough not to divorce you. Don't waste your beautiful youth as you are wasting it now, Sue. Don't go on ruining your life and mine from a mistaken sense of duty to a man who doesn't even care."

"Be quiet, Robert; I tell you, be quiet." She rose from her chair and faced him imperiously. "You must be mad to speak to me like this," she said furiously. "You have forgotten all the respect you owe both to me and to yourself."

Her bosom rose and fell; her indignation was very evident.

"Yes, Susan, I have forgotten everything," returned the young man simply, "except how much I love you. Don't you care for me a little. Darling, tell me that you care?"

He came close up to her and tried to take her in his arms, but she evaded him with a sharp cry. "Care for you—never. At least, not in that way." Her voice was sharp and high. "Don't you understand that there is no one in the wide world I care for except my husband—except Paul. It is rather humiliating to have to make such a confession, isn't it," she added with a laugh—a laugh which ended in a sob. "But there—it is God's truth, Robert. I adore Paul, but he doesn't care the least for me. He just married me for the sake of my title. Oh, it's hateful—it's cruel of you to have extorted this confession from me when I have just told Paul to his face that I don't love him. For I won't be pitted—I won't—I won't."

She clenched her thin, white hands—her face was working terribly; her agitation was painful to behold.

The man bit his lip, then fell to stroking his small, fair forehead. He understood—he couldn't help understanding—that Susan meant what she said, and the knowledge was sufficiently bitter both to his love and to his pride.

"I beg your pardon, Sue," he said slowly, "if I have annoyed you. But what I said just now I said for the best. But I see that I have made a terrible mistake. I can't leave Amplett Court to-day. It would excite too much remark on the part of your people and of your husband. But, of course, I'll take my departure to-morrow."

He moved slowly towards the door. His face had grown very sad and sorrowful.

Susan followed him and put her hand lightly upon his shoulder.

"It was my fault—all my fault," she murmured. "If I hadn't spoken to you in the foolish way I

did, you wouldn't have said a word to me. I know that, and blame myself bitterly. Don't go away to-morrow, though—please, don't."

"What is there to stay for?" He asked the question somewhat reproachfully.

"A good deal." She clasped her hands tightly together, and glanced at him with a pale smile. "Why do you think I asked you down here?" She went on rather nervously.

"I don't know." He shook his head, wondering what she was driving at.

"I asked you down because of Milly. Oh, Robert, I'm not the only woman in the world!"

Her voice dropped to a low whisper. "Can't you think a little less of me and more of that sweet girl, Millicent. For the child—oh, I feel a mean wretch in betraying her confidence to you—loves you, Bob."

"Nonsense," he interrupted sharply, flushing a little over his thin, peaked face. "Milly may be fond of me, dear little girl, in a pretty schoolgirl fashion—but as to love, why, she doesn't understand the real meaning of the word, not as you and I do anyway."

He fell to stroking his moustache. "Doesn't she?" returned Susan quietly. "Ask her one day and find out."

She moved to the door as she said the words, then closed it slowly behind her.

The man standing by the fireplace pursed his lips together and swore softly.

## CHAPTER XXIX.

An hour later, Susan found herself seated in the landau by her mother's side, driving swiftly to church. Her father and Lady Flora faced her on the opposite seat, but the rest of the party had decided to walk the half mile across the fields and so make their way on foot to the little grey stone church.

None of her people had had an opportunity of speaking as yet on the subject of her rejection of the emeralds, and now she wondered who would be the first to approach her on the matter.

After leaving Lord Robert in the morning-room she had kept out of everybody's way till the carriage had come round, hiding in her bedroom, keeping her maid with her. But now she was at the mercy of her relations. If they liked to question her she would have to reply.

The carriage bowed swiftly down the quiet country lane, and all around about the world was a white world, enveloped in a dazzling sheet of new-fallen snow. But the white monotony of the countryside affected Susan painfully. She thought of a land laid out for burial—a dead land.

"Darling, why did you give the emeralds back?" Lady Amplett glanced at her eldest daughter anxiously, nervously.

Susan flushed a little and tightened her mouth. She wished now she had had the courage to evade this drive to church. Surely she might have pleaded a headache, and yet she hardly dared to do so on Christmas morning, for what a stir of consternation there would have been if she was not in her place at church. But how would she get through her relations' cross-fire of questions, she wondered.

She clenched her hands under the ermine muff. "I have got so many jewels, mother dear," she said evasively. "My beautiful pearls, and the diamonds Paul gave me when we were married, and—"

"I said breakfast, I don't care for emeralds—they are not my jewels at all," she said evasively. "My beautiful pearls, and the diamonds Paul gave me when we were married, and—"

"Oh," murmured Lady Amplett a little blankly, but it was evident that her daughter's answer did not satisfy her, for, after a second's pause, she added: "I think Paul was very annoyed. You might have shown me the emeralds. Oh, Sue, dear, don't you think you had better take the emeralds? Men don't like to have their gifts refused. Besides, it is not every husband who would give his wife such a beautiful Christmas present—remember that."

Susan shook her head. "I don't want the jewels," she said slowly. "Please, mother, don't worry me."

She was conscious as she spoke how critically her sister was watching her, and she fancied that she could detect a malicious sparkle in Lady Flora's eyes, as though the other was secretly amused.

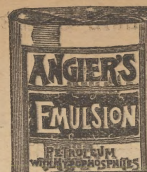
"Leave Susan alone—don't bother her about the jewels," Lord Amplett remarked, leaning a little forward in his seat, and forgetting some of his polish of manner as he addressed his wife. "Perhaps it is just as well," he went on, lowering his voice, "that Sue doesn't want the jewels. For you know perfectly well, Laura, why we have invited ourselves here for Christmas. We have come to ask Paul, our son-in-law, a favour."

He smoothed his face with this, trembling old fingers, and coughed a little huskily.

"A favour, father," Susan drew herself up in her corner. She had suddenly grown rigid. "What is it you want?" she asked, a dim foreshadowing of the truth upon her.

"A loan—a mere temporary loan of a couple of thousands," returned the old man airily. "The jewels are to be handed over to me, and they can now be returned to the jeweller's. The truth is, my dear child," he continued, fixing his eyes on his eldest daughter, "I'm desperately hard up just now. In a few weeks' time I shall have some dividends coming in, but till then—well, I really don't see how we shall be able to get along at all unless Paul helps us."

(To be continued.)



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## THE MONEY MARKET.

Poor Traffic Returns Lead to Decline in Home Rails.

## PARIS STILL UNCERTAIN.

CAPEL COURT, Wednesday Evening.—In the money market to-day the news was not so encouraging. The market is, of course, preparing for quarter-day, and so loan rates are higher. But it did not have any influence on the Stock Exchange, and Consols were even a little better at 90½ at one time, closing at 90 9/16. Evidently there are hopes that the Bank is to swell its gold supplies, and as £600,000 arrives in London next week, it is hoped that all of it is not going to the Continent.

But the market was not best pleased with the result of the traffic of the Home Railways last week. The comparisons were with very poor showings last year. So the belief was that there would not be much in the way of decreases to be announced. However, the bad weather last week seems to have interfered with traffic on several lines, and though the majority of the trade lines have done well enough, still they might easily have done better.

### AMERICAN RAILS HANG FIRE.

On the whole, then, Home Rails were inclined to a rather lower level. It is interesting to note how rapidly the South Wales coal trade is recovering, and as it is assisted by the partial French mining strike, the Welsh railways are doing very fairly well. If it were not for the coming tramway competition, the Taff Vale position would be very strong.

The great American coal strike question has yet to be settled, and meantime American Rails are hanging fire. Canadian Rails, too, were not quite so good, though in this group there is a good deal of talk, for there are numerous aggressive cliques of speculators for the rise.

Day by day, in most sections at least, Foreign Rails continue features of strength, even when general business is slack, as it is at present, and there is not much doing even in the Foreign Railway group. But Argentine Rails are a good spot, and at one time to-day Rosarios were 120½, a 50 per cent. rise on the price ruling three or four years ago.

### NEW CHILIAN L.O.A.N.

Holders have done uncommonly well out of Argentine Rails. But traffic to-day were not thought quite good enough in the way of big increases. In the Brazilian group the Leopoldina has had another mishap, heavy rains having damaged some portion of the line. The Arica and Tacna shares were affected by the knowledge that the Chilean Government is about to float a loan of £3,000,000 to construct the line, which will be somewhat of a rival to the system.

While upon the subject of Foreign loans, the new Peruvian loan does not seem to get very much nearer. It is approved by the Chamber of Deputies, but there is no sign of its issue. It is thought that of the £3,000,000 proposed £1,000,000 will be deferred until a more opportune period.

### CAMP BIRD MINE DISASTER

Paris is still a little uncertain, for nobody seems to know quite what to make of the news from Algiciras about Morocco. So there is just a tendency for prices to slip away. Copper was not so good to-day, but it did not seem to have much influence on the price of copper shares. Another "bullish" circular was issued in relation to the Provincial Cedula business, and the price improved, though the intrinsic worth of the circular was not evident.

Paris commenced buying diamond shares on the De Beers contract for the sale of its output being arranged. When Paris commenced this movement the whole Kaffir market showed some sign of rallying, though there was not much in it. There was a selling in the West African group, for the long-expected West African Gold Trust reconstruction is being taken in hand. The other day the Camp Bird had most of its stamps carried away in a snowslide. The remainder and its overground buildings that survived that catastrophe have now been burned.

### FIRST LADIES' "SMOKER."

New Departure in Railway Amenities Takes Place Almost Unnoticed.

"Ladies—Smoking." Passengers stopped and rubbed their eyes when they saw a label with this intimation on a compartment of a train leaving a London terminus for Liverpool yesterday.

The explanation of this new departure in railway customs was that, on the previous evening a gentleman applied for a compartment for some lady friends, who wished to smoke on the journey. Surprised at first at this novel request for a ladies' "smoker," the authorities in the end agreed to provide one.

Here is the entry regarding it in the books of the company, which is secure of a place in the history of railway development:—

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## MISS VALERIE SALBERG,



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## LOOKING FOR THE ENEMY.



Signal-Midshipman Neville, eldest son of Rear-Admiral Neville, on H.M.S. Drake, flagship of the Second Cruiser Squadron, during the recent manoeuvres off Lagos.

## HUMANE FASHIONS.

Probable Effect of the Queen's Message on "Egrets" to the Protection Society.

The Queen's kindly message to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has encouraged bird-lovers to hope that the appalling slaughter of wild birds for the sake of their plumage will greatly diminish, and perhaps that it will eventually cease.

And in the coming introduction of fruit, ferns, and vegetables—referred to by the *Daily Mirror* nearly a fortnight ago, and emphasised further in our cartoon yesterday—there is yet more hope for the unfortunate birds.

If fruit and fern millinery grows popular the vogue of the feather will be at an end, and this will mean that the lives of hundreds of thousands of birds will be spared annually.

It is estimated that at least 150,000 herons and egrets alone were killed last year for the London plume market.

### Stump Among Milliners.

This estimate is based on the figures relating to "osprey" feathers at the six bi-monthly plume sales of 1905 at the Commercial Sale Rooms in Mincing-lane. A total of 1,025 packages of osprey feathers and 300 packages of skins were sold during the year.

At the first sale of 1906, held on February 13, 327 packages of "osprey" feathers were sold. The "various" bird-skins offered by one firm included over 6,000 terns from Japan, some 15,000 parrots, 1,645 owls (in addition to heads, tails, wings, quills, and "pieces" of owls), and the West Indies and South America supplied orioles, cardinals, crested pigeons, trogons, humming-birds, canaries, etc.

The chief feature of the last 1905 sale was the large number of bird-of-paradise feathers and skins offered—9,856 in all.

The catalogues of the sale last month included 8,569 bird-of-paradise skins, most of which were sold.

A slump in osprey feathers is already being felt

among the milliners of the West End, one of whom plaintively informed the *Daily Mirror* yesterday that she had a large stock of osprey-trimmed hats on her hands, and was finding it difficult to get rid of them. She was very much afraid there was going to be a considerable depression in trade as a result of a revulsion of sentiment in favour of the birds.

## MISS ELLEN TERRY'S JUBILEE.

Shilling Subscription Opened, So That All May Do Homage to England's Leading Actress.

So widespread is the desire to participate in the Ellen Terry Jubilee celebration that the "Tribune" has decided to open a shilling subscription to the fund for presenting a testimonial to the great actress on April 28, the fiftieth anniversary of her appearance on the stage.

Thus the "galleryites" as well as the patrons of the stalls will be able to share in a delightful act of public gratitude to a personality still full to the brim of vivacity and charm. That they will be beyond doubt; for Miss Terry is not only a great actress: there is a joyousness about her, a delight in life, a frank and kindly nature that endear her to all.

The lists of committees contain many distinguished names. Among those on the general committee are Lord Glenesk, Sir Alfred and Lady Turner, the Hon. Mrs. Alfred Lyttelton, Mme. Sarah Grand, Mr. Anthony Hope, Mr. Theodore Watts-Dunton, Mr. Andrew Lang, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, and Mr. A. W. Pinero; and the executive committee includes the most prominent actor-managers.

## RUNAWAY ELEPHANT ON THE QUAY.

Considerable excitement was caused at Grimsby Docks yesterday by the appearance of a huge elephant which lumbered madly along the quay side. The animal, which belonged to Bostock and Wombwell's menagerie, refused to cross a gangway to board a ship, and escaped from its keeper.

Before any damage was done, however, the great beast was caught, and eventually persuaded to embark backwards.

## FACTS CONCERNING DISORDERED NERVES

Wherever you go you meet someone complaining that his nerves are out of order. The sufferer tells you that he feels completely worn out, is unable to do his work with any satisfaction to himself, that he cannot think properly of the details of his business, or come to any clear and wise decision on the various points that arise. May we ask you personally whether this is a fair description of your condition? If it is, allow us to both explain what is wrong and show you the only way in which nerve restoration can be gained. Above all, be careful not to use either stimulants or general tonics, because neither stimulants nor general tonics can permanently do what is necessary.

### SYMPTOMS OF DISORDERED NERVES

Before reading what follows please recollect that it is most important you should recognise the signs of nervous trouble at the earliest possible moment. Early recognition will enable you to avoid a great deal of discomfort and suffering, and prevent that nervous breakdown that will result from your neglecting your symptoms to-day. Read through the following list of symptoms one by one, and ask yourself whether you suffer from any of the signs of nervous exhaustion that we mention. Do you suffer from lassitude, intense weariness, mental and muscular fatigue, after very slight exertion, or nervous and general debility? Are you miserable and gloomy owing to mental depression, sleeplessness, neuralgia, nervous headache, weakened will power, or loss of self-confidence and lack of pluck in trying situations? Are you unequal to sustained mental effort, or are you irritable, brain-weary, or has influenza or some other prostrating ailment left you exhausted and worn out? If these symptoms are your symptoms do not hesitate a moment longer, but commence Bishop's Tonules Treatment without further delay.

### THE WAY TO STRENGTHEN THE NERVES

The symptoms we have been talking about simply mean that your nerves have been worn away, and that they want feeding up, nourishing and strengthening. If a man is in athletic training special food is supplied to him, and it is given to him so as to build up healthy muscle. In the same way, if a man or woman has to put forth special mental effort, or there is great nervous strain, special chemical elements ought to be provided to feed and strengthen the nerves and brain. These elements are carefully and scientifically combined in Bishop's Tonules, so that when they are used the nerves are nourished, nerve-power is created, nerve energy is economised, and a reserve of nerve strength is stored up.

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LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Total Funds .....	95,847,702	5 8	Government Securities, Railway and other Bonds .....	39,305,455	14 2
Claims unpaid awaiting legal release .....	413,873	10 2	Railway and other Stocks .....	15,171,313	15 6
Death losses which have been reported and no proofs received .....	82,952	15 5	Mortgages on Property within the United States .....	22,540,270	18 2
Claims not recognised by the Company .....	23,954	12 5	Loans secured by pledge of Municipal, United States, and other marketable Stocks and Bonds .....	3,736,139	12 7
Surrender values unpaid, awaiting legal release .....	1,866	17 0	Loans secured by Pledge of Company's Policies .....	5,790,200	19 11
Due and unpaid on Supplementary Contracts not involving life contingencies .....	562	6 3	House Property unincumbered .....	£6,360,511	0 10
Premiums and Interest paid in advance, including Surrender Values so applied .....	249,761	5 7	Landed Property unincumbered .....	8,043	1 4
Salaries, rents, office expenses, taxes, bills, accounts, bonuses, commissions, medical and legal fees due or accrued (since settled) .....	31,387	12 1	Cash deposited in Banks and Trust Companies .....	1,898,304	10 4
Dividends or other profits due Policyholders, including those contingent on payment of outstanding and deferred Premiums .....	34,009	16 0	Cash in Office .....	5,291	12 0
Total Liabilities .....	£96,686,071	0 7	Premiums outstanding, less loading* .....	1,903,596	2 4
			Deferred Premiums, being the amount of the balance of the year's Premiums, when paid semi-annually or quarterly, deductible from the amount assured in case of Claim, less loading† .....	698,397	6 10
			Interest and rents due and accrued .....	436,614	12 8
				735,518	16 3
			Total Assets .....	£96,686,071	0 7

NOTE.—In these statements the Pound sterling is taken at \$4.87

## INTERIM REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

At present engaged on an Investigation of the Affairs of the Company.

W. H. TRUESDALE, Esq.,

Chairman of the Committee of the Board of Trustees of THE MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

SIR,

Under appointment by your Committee WE ARE NOW ENGAGED on an investigation of the affairs and an audit of the books and accounts of your Company for the two years ended December 31, 1905.

In pursuance of our duties we have, at this date, examined the following Assets, viz.:—

### Investments in Government, Railroad and other Bonds

We have counted and have examined Bonds and Certificates representing Bonds, owned and held by the Company, having a par value of \$183,352,600.00 (£37,649,404) and have verified by acknowledgments of State and Foreign Governments that they held on deposit Bonds having a par value of \$9,580,180.11 (£1,967,183). The total par value amounts to \$192,932,780.11 (£39,616,587) and we have verified the market value thereof as \$191,417,569.30 (£39,305,455).

### Investments in Railroad, Banking Institution and Other Stocks

We have examined Certificates of Stocks owned and held by the Company having a par value of \$30,235,600.00 (£6,208,542) and have verified by acknowledgments of State and Foreign Governments that they held on deposit Certificates of Stocks having a par value of \$1,475,000.00 (£302,874). The total par value amounts to \$31,710,600.00 (£6,511,416) and we have verified the market value thereof as \$73,884,298.08 (£15,171,314).

### Loans Secured by Mortgages on Real Estate

We have examined the Bonds and Mortgages held by the Company as security for its Loans on Real Estate, and have verified that such Loans amount to \$109,771,163.16 (£22,540,273) (3930 first liens). The titles are now being inspected and the properties are being valued by appraisers appointed by your Committee.

### Loans Secured by Bonds and Stocks Held as Collateral

We have examined the Notes representing these Loans and the Bonds and Stocks held by the Company as collateral security therefor, and have verified the amount of such loans as \$18,195,000 (£3,736,139). The market value of the collateral security was found to be more than 20 per cent. in excess of the amount of each loan.

### Loans Secured by Company's Policies

We have examined at the Head Office 48,734 Loan Agreements and assigned policies held as security, representing Loans to the amount of \$26,999,011.99 (£5,543,945), and we have examined in London 1,685 Loan Agreements and assigned policies held as security, representing Loans to the amount of \$873,912.06 (£179,448) thereby verifying Loans to the amount of \$27,872,924.05 (£5,723,393) secured by the Company's policies. The Policy Loan Agreements held at the Branch Offices, of the Company in South Africa and Australia, where we are at present examining them, are stated by the Company as amounting to \$325,354.79 (£66,807). The total of all these Loans amounts to \$28,198,278.84 (£5,790,200).

### Cash

We have verified the Cash on Deposit, by certificates obtained from the Banks and Trust Companies in which such deposits were held, amounting in the aggregate to \$9,244,742.98 (£1,898,304) and we counted the Cash on hand in the Head Office at the close of December, 1905, amounting to \$25,770.10 (£5,291), making the total amount of Cash verified \$9,270,513.08 (£1,903,596).

### Premiums Due and Uncollected, and Deferred Premiums

We have examined the records of the Company as to policies in force at the close of December, 1905, and have verified the gross\* amount of Premiums Due and Uncollected as \$4,596,209.53 (£943,780), and the gross† amount of the Deferred Premiums as \$2,873,396.31 (£588,019), making a gross total of \$7,469,605.84 (£1,533,799).

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the books of the Company agree with the Assets herein specified as having been verified. Real Estate owned by the Company in the Boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn, New York, and in Boston and Philadelphia, has been valued by your Committee's appraisers, Messrs. Douglas Robinson, Charles S. Brown & Co., at the sum of \$24,595,000.00 (£5,255,646), which, less a purchase-money incumbrance of \$275,000.00 (£56,468), is \$1,648,999.33 (£338,603) in excess of the Company's net book value. The other Real Estate owned by the Company is now being valued by your appraisers.

New York, January 31, 1906.

DELOITTE, PLENDER, GRIFFITHS & CO., Chartered Accountants.

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cheese-cloth. For dark furs, heat the bran first, and use it repeatedly, omitting the flour and fuller's-earth.

Coats and felt hats may be dry cleaned by using one ounce of gum camphor and one ounce of borax dissolved in one quart of boiling water. When cool, add one quart of alcohol. Put the whole in a bottle, and keep it well corked. Before using it shake it well, and apply it with a sponge.

Fuller's-earth, French-chalk, and blotting paper, with a warm flat-iron, are the agents generally recommended for removing grease stains. If violet-coloured silk is stained with an acid, such as lemon juice or vinegar, brush it with tincture of iodine, and then saturate the spot with a solution of hyposulphite of soda. Dry it gradually.

To clean velvet or plush use either turpentine or alcohol. Spread the fabric out on a board, and sponge it with either of these cleansers, then rub it briskly with a clean, dry cloth. Go over every inch of the material, and then, when clean, steam a little to raise the pile. To steam velvet, hold one part after another over a pan of boiling water. Steam the fabric until the pile seems thick and fluffy, then pass on to another portion.

If the material is to be stiffened tack it smoothly, face downwards, on a board where it must lie perfectly smooth. Now dissolve one fourth of an ounce of gum arabic in one gill of water, and apply it with a smooth, soft brush on the back. Let the velvet dry on the board, and when it is perfectly dry remove the tacks, turn over the velvet, and brush the pile till it stands up evenly.

To clean white shoes use a preparation of oxide of zinc in a saturated solution. Buy the oxide in



Dresses and hats worn by Miss Sybil Carlisle, Miss Lilias Waldegrave, and Miss Helen Ferrers at Wyndham's Theatre.



powder, put it into a wide-mouthed bottle, and fill the bottle with water. Apply the liquid with a sponge, and let it dry overnight, and, if necessary, repeat the process next day. This is excellent for kid and canvas shoes.

The shine on the sleeves and shoulders of a coat can be removed by being gently rubbed with a piece of fine, smooth emery paper. Rub the fabric just enough to erase the spot. If the garment is of silk, cashmere, or any smooth material, go over it with a warmed silk handkerchief.

A cake of magnesia should always be kept at hand for dry cleaning. Upon seeing a stain rub it with magnesia at once. Let it remain a few hours, and then brush it away. Rub both sides of the stain if possible, and if the spot is a bad one let the magnesia remain on for two days.

White laces should be gently dusted with magnesia each time after they have been worn they should be put away in a piece of blue tissue-paper. The same remark applies also to white furs, which may occasionally be rubbed with plaster of Paris.

To clean inkstains from white blouses or light-coloured silks, dust on to the stain a little salt of lemon, and as soon as it becomes dark brush it off and apply a little more until the stain disappears.

Never allow articles to become too soiled before cleansing them. Butter spots on light silks should be immediately rubbed on the wrong side of the fabric with slightly warmed flour, and the process repeated until the grease is removed.

To take sunburn from a straw or chip hat mix flower of sulphur with lemon-juice in a paste and brush the hat over with this. When it is dry, brush it off and rub it with a clean handkerchief.

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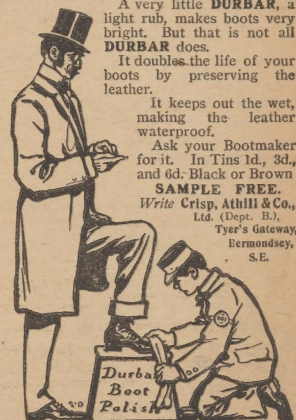
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## MODERATE 'CHASING AT PORTSMOUTH.

**Mr. W. Silver Wins the Hampshire  
Steeplechase on Little Teddy—  
Mr. F. R. Hunt's Double.**

### "GREY FRIARS" SELECTIONS.

There was a very small attendance at Portsmouth Park yesterday, and, as usual, the racing was of a very moderate description. During the afternoon the weather underwent several changes. The first race was run in a snowstorm, and after this hail and brilliant sunshine alternated.

Celebration and Dermo were practically the only two backed for the Solent Selling Steeplechase. Crisgo was tailed off from the start, and after going six furlongs Anytime nearly threw his jockey. Dermo took first place from here, but he could not resist the challenge of Celebration, who won by three lengths. Ray was a late third. At the subsequent auction Celebration was sold to Mr. E. P. Gundry for 80 guineas.

It was surprising to find Olive made favourite for the Hunters' Hurdle in preference to Shooting Star II., who looked to be the only racehorse of the party. General Sir Bruce Hamilton's mare doubtless owed her position in the market to the fact that Mr. Bulter was in the saddle. The battle was fought out between Olive and Shooting Star II., Captain Middleton II. the latter, beating his formidable rival, Mr. Bulter, by three-quarters of a length. Broken Tackle was a bad third, and the remainder were strung out in Indian file.

For some time even money was offered about Kate Ronayne and Baron Fobdown for the Southampton Hurdle, Exhibition being generally the favourite. Captain Kate Ronayne had a slight claim for Baron Fobdown, but the latter won by three lengths, enabling Mr. Hunt to bring off a nice double. Captain Middleton II. was in the paddock for the Waterloo Selling Hurdle, but gave way to her stable companion, Silver Queen, who proved a most unworthy substitute, failing to complete the course. Carrol always held the upper hand of Broadway, and won easily.

Bell Sound, on her best form, could easily have beaten the horses opposed to her in the Hampshire Handicap Steeplechase, but Mr. C. J. Habi's mare had not been seen on a racecourse since winning this the Silchester Steeplechase at last December. In spite of this she was well backed for 9 to 4, but never looked like winning, and finally finished fourth. The winner was Little Teddy, who ridden by his owner, Mr. Silver, beat Orpington by half a length. It will be remembered that Mr. Silver, while riding Little Teddy at Gatwick last December, met with such a serious accident that his life was for some time despaired of.

The Hunters' Steeplechase was contested by a party of six, and the Wye winner, Dumphall, divided favouritism with Heckler II. Clandon Lad, despite his hunting burn, was also well supported. Captain Rasbham sent Dumphall to the front from the start, and kept Captain Richardson's representative in that position to the end. Captain Rasbham is a fine horseman, and three years ago rode four winners at the National Grand Military Meeting. He once won the Houghton Cup in Ireland after a desperate finish with Captain Dewhurst.

### SELECTIONS FOR PORTSMOUTH.

1.15—Drayton Hurdle—STRATHAVON.  
1.30—Chichester Steeplechase—MR. SCHOMBURG.  
2.20—Fareham Steeplechase—CRAFTY THOUGHT.  
2.55—South-Western Hurdle—LITTLE BROWN MOUSE.  
3.25—Havant Flat Race—LITTLE BROWN MOUSE.  
4.0—Hambledon Steeplechase—MICHET.

### SPECIAL SELECTION.

MICHET. GREY FRIARS.

### PORTSMOUTH RACING RETURNS.

1.15—Solent Selling Steeplechase of 50 sovs. Two miles.  
Mr. F. R. Hunt's LITTLE TEDDY, aged 12st 12lb. Taylor 1  
Mr. G. Gore's DERMOT ASTHORE, aged 12st 12lb. Clancy 2  
Mr. W. Downes's RAY, aged 11st 7lb. Hampton 3  
Also ran: Anytime, aged 11st 7lb. (Winner trained by owner.)

Betting.—Sporting Life "Prices: 9 to 4 aget Olive, 5 to 2 Shooting Star II. 7 to 1 Captain Middleton II. 10 to 1 each other. "Sportman" prices the same. Won by four lengths; a similar distance between the second and third.

1.50—Hunters' Hurdle Race of 40 sovs. Two miles. Capt. Middleton's SHOOTING STAR II., aged 11st 12lb. Bulter 1  
Gen. Hamilton's OLIVE, aged 12st 5lb. Mr. Bulter 2  
Mr. Strickland's BROKEN TACKLE, aged 10st 9lb. Evans 3  
Also ran: Parapet (J. Dillon), Wiseman's Pride (Franklin), Eon (Pavon), Dordene (Mr. Pulton), Starling II. (H. Childs), Jessica (L. Sydney), Darius Egglestone (Acres), Star II. (Mr. de la Pasture), Avanti (Mr. Fitt).

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2.20—SOUTHAMPTON HANDICAP HURDLE Race of 50 sovs. Two miles.  
Mr. F. R. Hunt's LITTLE TEDDY, aged 12st 12lb. Taylor 1  
Lord Westbury's KATE RONAYNE, aged 10st 11lb. Driscoll 2  
Mr. J. Bancroft's EXHILARATION, aged 10st 6lb. Hare 3  
(Winner trained by owner.)

Betting.—Sporting Life "Prices: 9 to 4 aget Olive, 5 to 2 Shooting Star II. 7 to 1 Captain Middleton II. 10 to 1 each other. "Sportman" prices the same. Won by four lengths; a similar distance between the second and third.

2.50—WATERLOO SELLING HURDLE Race of 40 sovs. Two miles.  
Mr. C. Munday's BARRETT, aged 10st 11lb. Butchers 1  
Mr. T. F. Smith's BROADWAY, aged 11st 11lb. Fitt 2  
Also ran: Silver Queen (J. J. Smith).

Betting.—Sporting Life "Prices: 9 to 4 aget Olive, 5 to 2 Shooting Star II. 7 to 1 Captain Middleton II. 10 to 1 each other. "Sportman" prices the same. Won by four lengths; a similar distance between the second and third.

3.25—HAMPSHIRE HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 70 sovs. Two miles.  
Mr. W. Silver's LITTLE TEDDY, aged 12st 12lb. Owner 1  
Mr. R. Gore's ORPINGTON, aged 12st 12lb. Mr. Bulter 2  
Mr. G. J. Usher's THE ACCEPTED, aged 10st 10lb. 3  
Also ran: Bell Sound (Barnard), Avocation (Donnelly), and Chinese Labour (Mr. Leman).

Betting.—Sporting Life "Prices: 9 to 4 aget Olive, 5 to 2 Shooting Star II. 7 to 1 Captain Middleton II. 10 to 1 each other. "Sportman" prices the same. Won by four lengths; a similar distance between the second and third.

Little Teddy and others. "Sportman" prices the same. Won by half a length; five lengths separated the second and third.  
4.0—HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE of 45 sovs. Three miles.  
Capt. Richardson's DUNPHALL, aged 12st 13lb. Capt. Rasbham 1  
Mr. Allen-Jeffrey's CLANDON LAD, aged 12st 12lb. Mr. Bulter 2  
Mr. Persse's HECKLER II., aged 11st 8lb. R. Walker 3  
Also ran: Queen's Loaf (Mr. Scull), Gills II. (Mr. Pitt), and Verdell (Clancy).  
(Winner trained by owner.)  
Betting.—Sporting Life "Prices: 9 to 4 aget Olive, 5 to 2 Shooting Star II. 7 to 1 Captain Middleton II. 10 to 1 each other. "Sportman" prices the same. Won by two lengths; a bad third.

### PORTSMOUTH PROGRAMME.

1.15—DRAYTON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE Race of 50 sovs. Two miles.  
a Irish Channel ..... 12 12 7  
a Eastern Friars ..... 12 6  
a Morning Mail ..... 5 11 9  
a Aster ..... 5 11 9  
a Bay Dunes ..... 5 11 9  
a Tom Tucker ..... 11 7  
a Strathavon ..... 11 3  
a Viper Cut ..... 11 3

1.50—CHICHESTER HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 70 sovs. Three miles.  
a Phil May ..... 13 5  
a Carter House ..... 11 4  
a Mr. Schomburg ..... 11 4  
a Black Victory ..... 11 4  
a Eastern Friars ..... 11 4  
a Ballyshannon ..... 11 4  
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2.20—FAREHAM SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 50 sovs. Two miles.  
a Crafty Thought ..... 12 7  
a Chandos ..... 12 2  
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2.55—SOUTH-WESTERN HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 50 sovs. Two miles.  
a Flower Seller ..... 12 7  
a Childwickbury ..... 12 7  
a Kington Boy ..... 11 11  
a Aynon ..... 11 11  
a Pendred ..... 11 9  
a Kilgobbin ..... 11 7  
a Parapet ..... 11 7

3.25—HAVANT SELLING NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE of 40 sovs. Two miles.  
a Little Brown ..... 12 0  
a Lea and Perrin ..... 12 0  
a Eukaro ..... 12 0  
a Chandos ..... 12 0

4.0—HAMBLEDON MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE of 40 sovs. Two miles.  
a Olive ..... 12 7  
a The Accepted ..... 12 0  
a Aynon ..... 11 9  
a Cleve ..... 11 9  
a Aynon ..... 11 9  
a Moonlight Revel ..... 11 9  
a Lambkin ..... 11 9  
a Highborough ..... 11 9  
a Crisgo ..... 11 2

### LATEST LONDON BETTING.

10 to 1—Lynch's Hurdle.  
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### LATEST SCRATCHINGS.

Lincoln Handicap—Puck Ranger (at 9 a.m., yesterday).  
Brookley Trial Stakes, Lincoln.—Tootle.  
Brookley Stakes, Lincoln.—St. Ollia.  
Horse Handicap, Lincoln.—St. Ollia.  
Welcome Steeplechase, Linsfield.—Vandilo.  
Spring Cup Handicap, Liverpool.—Galliano.  
Doveridge Handicap, Derby.—Koorban.

### LINCOLN HURDLE TRIALS.

At Newmarket yesterday morning C. Peck sent Whitechapel (O. Madden), 11 Horn Head (3), and Aubrey W. (Halsey) (3) a mile. Won by three lengths; two lengths dividing second and third. Imperial II. went the first six furlongs.

A. Sadler, jun. (in the presence of Mr. A. Stedall sent Kolo (W. Bray), 11 Scotch Cross (3), Obiliza (O. Madden), 11, and St. Ollia (3) a mile. Won by half a length; a moderate third.

### GOLF FOURSOMES.

The first match in the semi-final round of the London foursome tournament was decided at Woking, yesterday, when Walton Heath (Mr. W. Herbert Fowler and James Brady) beat Huntercombe (Mr. C. K. Hutchinson and D. Stephenson) by 5 holes up and 4 to play. Walton Heath thus qualified to oppose in the final the club at present in the lead, which is the Essex and Mid-Surrey, who will meet at Eltham, tomorrow.

### PROPOSED CRICKET CHANGES.

Mr. O. R. Borradaile, who will represent Essex at the meeting of the advisory committee at Lord's next Monday, has been interviewed with regard to the proposal by Essex to give in county championship matches three points for an outright and one point for a win on the first innings.

He says that, under this system of scoring, a definite credit would be given to a county in every one of the fifty-five county matches last drawn last season. He further argues that it would conduce to much keener cricket from start to finish than is the case at present, and that the allowance of three points for a win outright would be an effective guarantee against sides playing a "drawn" game after having gained a lead on the first innings.

Again, he dissents from the opinion that the present advantage of winning the toss would be increased, and says that, as a matter of fact, only fifty-three county matches were won last year by sides that went in first, as against sixty by their opponents.

A four-day match between the M.C.C. team and a Fifteen of Orange River Colony, at Bloemfontein, ended yesterday in a draw.—Reuter.

Forty-seven entries have been received for the Irish ladies' golf championship, which begins at Newcastle, Co. Down, on Monday, April 2.

## WOOLWICH ARSENAL'S GREAT VICTORY.

**Two Important League Games—  
Liverpool and Everton, Cup  
Semi-Finalists, Beaten.**

### POSITION OF THE LEADERS.

Liverpool's loss at Trent Bridge yesterday reduces the club approximately to the level of Preston North End, for they have played an extra match and are only two points ahead. Notts County is a side with an in-and-out reputation; but they played very pretty football against the Corinthians last Saturday week at Queen's Club, and if they hold only a lowly position in the table the football genius is with them in marked degree.

The Notts half-back work and their general quickness on the ball made them in every way worthy of their success yesterday. As for Liverpool, the men took things too leisurely at starting, and, as so often happens, could not command their game when it was wanted. The competition is so sensitive to a loss or a win that the Notts victory at Trent Bridge makes the fight for the championship as intense as it was a fortnight ago.

For the first six positions the figures are as follow:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst	Pts.
Liverpool	31	19	3	9	66	40	41
Preston North End	30	14	4	12	44	39	32
Bolton Wanderers	29	14	6	9	67	45	34
Manchester City	15	4	2	9	38	34	15
Sheffield Wednesday	29	13	7	9	44	33	33

Woolwich Arsenal just now can do no wrong. Their latest triumph was at Goodison Park, Liverpool, when they scored the solitary goal of a hard match. It was a point below Derby County, who are sixth from the top, but in the first months of the season, and if this is so, it only goes to make out Woolwich Arsenal as a side which is the greater under-Goodison Park or Trent Bridge. Woolwich Arsenal have drawn well up in the table, and, with an extra match played, they are only two points below Derby County, who are sixth from the last place. We should hear little more of the Arsenal's danger of relegation.

Liverpool and Everton, who have fought out one of the semi-final ties in the English Cup, were friends in misadventure, and it was a team that was a team. Liverpool, who were friends in misadventure, and it was a team that was a team. Liverpool, who were friends in misadventure, and it was a team that was a team.

The last six clubs are at present as follows:—

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst	Pts.
Derby County	29	12	5	12	33	37	29
Woolwich Arsenal	30	11	5	14	48	62	37
Notts County	29	11	4	14	48	59	24
Bury	29	7	8	14	41	61	22
Wolverhampton	32	5	5	22	36	90	15

### THE LEAGUE.—Division I.

Notts County 3; LIVERPOOL, 0.

In cold, blustering weather, Notts County and Liverpool met yesterday, at Trent Bridge, Nottingham, before 5,000 spectators. Jones, who sustained an injury in the Welsh international match, was unable to play for Notts. Griffiths being substituted. Cox was absent from the Liverpool eleven, in which Raybould reappeared.

The home side, after a slow start, showed more spirit, and, despite his disadvantage, maintained a strong pressure. Humphreys scoring for them after forty minutes. At half-time Notts County led by 1 goal to none. The interval returned to the attack, and the Liverpool custodian was kept very busy. Green scored a second goal for Notts. Half an hour from the interval, Humphreys scored the third, Notts winning comfortably by 3 goals to none.

EVERTON, 0; WOOLWICH ARSENAL, 1.

Everton and Woolwich Arsenal met yesterday at Goodison Park, before 8,000 spectators. Everton were without W. Balmer, Sharp, and Bolton, and the Arsenal Sharp, Sanson, and Bolton. The home side, after a slow start, showed more spirit, and, despite his disadvantage, maintained a strong pressure. Humphreys scoring for them after forty minutes. At half-time Notts County led by 1 goal to none. The interval returned to the attack, and the Liverpool custodian was kept very busy. Green scored a second goal for Notts. Half an hour from the interval, Humphreys scored the third, Notts winning comfortably by 3 goals to none.

Even play followed, but Young missed a grand opening for Everton. Woolwich were goal up at half-time. On resuming, Everton attacked, and Ashcroft was called upon to save from Settle.

A fine opening was missed by Everton, but a few minutes later Ashcroft saved from the Everton centre.

The Arsenal quite held their own in the later play, and although Everton made desperate attempts to equalise they were unsuccessful, and Woolwich won by 1 goal to nil.

### WESTERN LEAGUE.

PLYMOUTH A., 0; TOTTENHAM HOTSPERS, 1.  
At Home Park, in fine weather, before 5,000 people. The Argyle had much the better of the first half, though playing against the wind, but missed several chances. There was no score at the interval, with Henson still in the second half Plymouth continued to display the ability to do everything but score. Whitehouse saved from Tottenham, but when Leach might have won the match in the last minute.

READING, 3; FULHAM, 3.  
At Reading. The home side scored through W. Brown after four minutes' play, and Waterson equalised. Henderson was injured, and Reading played one back, but Long secured a second goal for Reading. Interval: Reading 2; Fulham 1. Restarting, with Henson still away, McCafferty obtained a goal with a long shot. Edgley put on a second for Fulham, and later obtained a third, the game ending in a draw—3 all.

### TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Paris: England v. France (Rugby International).  
Shepherd's Bush: West Hampstead v. Civil Service (Middlesex Cup).  
Hford: London v. Essex.  
Leyton: Leyton v. Gray's United (United League).  
Leyton (Essex Ground): Old Carthusians v. Newportians.

## 'VARSITY CREWS AT PUTNEY.

**How Cambridge Have Improved on the  
Upper Thames—Oxford's Work.**

BY ALFRED DAVIS.

The University crews completed the intermediate stage of their training on the Upper Thames waters yesterday, and to-day both eights will make their appearance at Putney about noon.

A fortnight ago odds of 2 to 1 were laid on the Dark Blues; but this quotation ruled prior to the rival eights' training on the river. On the Upper Thames Cambridge have come on rapidly, whereas the Dark Blues have not shown the improvement that their supporters anticipated, and present prospects point to a very exciting contest on April 7.

The Light Blues have spent their ten days at Bourne End, where they made the Quarry Hotel their headquarters, and boated from Fieldhead boathouse, which was placed at their disposal by Mr. R. C. Lehmann, M.P. The crew, except for a few days at the beginning of the month, have rowed together for some time.

Only two Old Blues were available—B. C. Johnston and R. V. Powell (president), who both rowed in the races of 1904 and 1905. Both these oarsmen are Etonians, and the other Eton boys rowing for Cambridge are G. D. Cochrane and E. W. Powell (a younger brother of the president). Johnston rowed at "3" in the last two races, but has now been transferred to "5." R. V. Powell rowed "5" in 1904 and "7" in 1905, and is this year at "6."

The crew is not a heavy one, as "Varsity" crews go, the big man being Mr. Donaldson, one of the few rowing men turned out by Charterhouse, whose present weight is 13st 11lb. The eight is stroked by D. C. R. Stuart, who has made a record of 1000 yds. in 10 min. 38 sec. when sculling in the colours of the Kingston and London clubs.

The Cheltenham boat, however, has more than justified the confidence reposed in him, for he is stroking with strength and regularity and plenty of life. For the first time in the race, the Light Blues will be rowed by what is generally termed the bow side, although the Oxford boat was once manned in that way, the late T. C. Edwards-Moss stroking the losing Dark Blue eight of 1876 from bow side.

The Light Blues' Record.

The Cambridge men have done excellent work at Bourne End under the direction of Mr. S. D. Muttibury, who will be in charge up to the day of the race. During their stay they made a full course trial in the rowing tank of 16 min. 10 sec. and other pieces of work which amply prove that they possess strength and speed. The new racing boat by Sims fits the crew like a glove, and the crew, who are in fine form, will be a little more swing and a harder finish the crew will be bad to beat.

Oxford have made Henley their headquarters for their intermediate work. They have been the guests of Sir John Edwards-Moss at Thamesfield, and the boats were sent at the Leander Club, where a total of nine days of the training Oxford appeared to have the material for a really powerful eight, but the accident to E. A. H. H. proved a serious handicap, and it has been found necessary to put in a light-weight at "7" in A. C. Gladstone, who rows between men weighing 13st 7lb. and 14st 10lb.

The Oxeonians are a heavy crew, and, even with a light-weight at "7," they average nearly 4lb. per man over the mile. Light Blues' record in the rowing—E. P. Evans, who rowed "7" in 1904 and "6" in 1905, is again at "6." L. E. Jones (the heavy-weight) is a crew who are in fine form, and it has been found that C. Bucknall, who stroked the victorious eight last year, occupies the same important position. There are five old boys in the crew, and it is a total of nine days taking part in this year's contest—a pretty plain proof of Eton's rowing supremacy amongst the schools. Evans and Higgsworth learn their rowing at Radley.

Mr. W. A. Fletcher, one of the most famous of our modern coaches, is superintending the work of the Dark Blues, and he is working hard to get the crew into shape. Bucknall is stroking the eight well, and he is admirably backed up by Gladstone, whose work for a light-weight is wonderfully strong.

At present the rowing is a little lacking in life, and the crew do not appear to possess the speed of their rivals, for none of the trials at the week at Henley have shown exceptional times.

Much will depend on the final fortnight's training on the riverway, but at present I should favour the chances of Cambridge.

### TO-DAY'S RUGBY INTERNATIONAL.

The England team who play France in Paris to-day left London yesterday, accompanied by Mr. G. Rowland Hill, president of the Rugby Football Union, and Mr. T. C. Cring (vice-presidents), Mr. Percival Cook (secretary) and other officials of the union.

The Scotland team, who play the match which beat Scotland on Saturday, A. Hudson (Gloucestershire) and J. Hogarth (Durham) take the places at three-quarter and full back respectively of J. T. Simpson and H. Shaw.

It is expected that the British Ambassador and the leading members of the British colony in Paris will be present at the match.

A. E. Hind (Midland Counties) accompanies the team as reserve.

### YESTERDAY'S BILLIARDS.

Diggle was in fine form at Soho-square yesterday when the tournament heat was resumed. During the day his best breaks were 229, 148, 274, 190, 180, 170, 160, 150, 140, 130, 120, 110, 100, 90, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10, 0. Inman (receives 2,500), 4,478.  
During yesterday's play in the match of 18,000 up at Leicester-square, Dawson made a break of 400. The closing scores were:—Harverson (receives 3,600), 6,694; Dawson, 4,300.

A. E. Willis, W. J. Pett, J. Draper, and H. Crowther, with H. C. Boulter as reserve, have been nominated to represent the National Cyclists' Union in the cycling events at the Olympic Games in Athens.

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**ST. MAUR**—On March 19, at 28, Berkeley-square, Lady Percy St. Maur, of a daughter.  
**WALKER**—On the 18th inst., at Clarence House, Clarence-street, Southend, Essex, to Dr. and Mrs. John F. Walker—a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

**BALLARD-MAPLE**—On March 19, at St. Michael's, Beau-licien, by the Rev. John Clayton, chaplain, after civil marriage at the British Consulate, Nice, by H.B. Majesty's Consul, Montague Ballard to Emily Harriett, widow of the late Sir John Blundell Maple, Baronet.  
**EBERHARDT-CUTLAN**—On the 20th inst., at St. James's Church, Muswell-hill, by the Rev. S. Whitchelow, Adolph Eberhardt, of "Warrenpoint," Avenue-road, Highgate, to Elsie, eldest daughter of Mrs. W. Cutlan, of "Hill Crest," Mount View-road, Stroud-green.  
**SPAIN-ARMSTRONG**—On the 17th inst., at St. Andrew, Plymouth, by the Rev. W. E. Burroughs, Charles Milner, youngest son of the late Vice-Admiral David Spain, to Mary, eldest daughter of the late Richard Armstrong, Esq., of Killisheandra, Co. Cavan.

## DEATHS.

**ANDREWS**—On March 19, at 35, Samos-road, Anerley, Ellen Andrews, widow of the Rev. Charles Andrews, formerly Vicar of St. Luke's, Kenning-town, R.I.P.  
**BICKNELL**—On the 19th inst., at Buckland House, Lynton, Hants, Henry David Bicknell, late Lieutenant-Colonel, 57th Regiment, in his 64th year.  
**CRAWTER**—On the 19th inst., at his residence, Cheshunt, Herts, John Crawter, in his 68th year.  
**DAWSON**—On the 20th inst., the Rev. Robert Dawson, L.A.S. aged 69 years. For 25 years secretary of the London City Mission.  
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